



Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Speech and Theatre (9-12)

Career Preparation

Missouri State University's Education Program, the largest and only one of its kind in Missouri, provides experiences that prepare students to become effective teachers. A comprehensive field-based component is part of this exciting program. Teachers who have completed a Missouri State University (MSU) Education program are generally considered to be highly qualified, successful classroom teachers. High-need areas currently include: Special Education, Math, Science, and Foreign Language. Post-Baccalaureate students who have had significant experience either in the classroom or with children are often considered more qualified and are frequently hired before those without the experience.

Academic Program

The Post-Baccalaureate (Post-Bac) Education programs require satisfactory completion of competencies outlined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). MSU offers several alternative routes to teacher certification which include: Post-Baccalaureate, Masters, and Provisional certification. All programs rely on coursework completed within an initial Bachelor's degree. Professional Education courses are sequenced to provide both study in the university setting and practical experience in classrooms.

Courses

Students pursuing Post-Bac Teacher Certification at Missouri State need to submit original official transcripts from all universities, colleges, and institutions previously attended. Prior coursework will be evaluated and credit will be granted and applied for all equivalent certification requirements.

An Individualized Program of Study (IPS) will be provided to the student. The IPS is reviewed during an advising session. If a course was not initially determined to be equivalent, but may have provided the competencies required for certification, the student may submit a course description/syllabus for re-evaluation.

Faculty and Staff Support

The Teacher Certification and several faculty offices are located in Hill Hall. Faculty members are actively involved in teaching, research, and service activities at the local, state, and national levels. While faculty may informally advise students, the Teacher Certification Advisement staff will provide the support and official advisement for all Post-Bac students pursuing teacher certification.

Facilities

Missouri State University is fortunate to have Greenwood Laboratory School located on campus. Greenwood, a K-12 facility, provides students in the College of Education with first-hand experience in observing and working with students. The technology labs, located in Hill Hall, have the most recent innovations in instructional technology and are available for use by Education students.

Special Services

The University and the College of Education are committed to the success of each student. Career Services, in cooperation with the College of Education, takes an active role in assisting Education students by providing information about teaching opportunities. Students are encouraged to meet with Career Services for job search assistance.

For More Information

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Required Coursework: Speech and Theatre (9-12)

Special Requirements

Course #	Title	Credits
COM 115	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 hours
PSY 121	Introductory Psychology	3 hours
CIS 101 or CSC 101	Computers for Learning	2 hours
		8 hours

Professional Coursework

Course #	Title	Credits
EDC150	Introduction to Teaching	1 hour
SEC 302	General methods of Instruction in the Middle and Secondary Schools	4 hours
IMT 365 or IMT 662	Instructional Apps/Technology and Media Educational Applications of Computers for Teachers	3 hours
PSY 360	Educational Psychology	3 hours
SFR486 or PSY486	Management and Assessment in Middle and Secondary Classrooms	3 hours
SPE 340 or SPE 715	Educational Alternatives for Exceptional Students Foundations in Special Education	2 hours 3 hours
RDG 474 or RDG 710	Reading and Writing in the Content Fields Reading in the Content Fields	2-3 hours
EDC 350	School and Society	3 hours
COM 417 or THE 417	Teaching of Speech and Theatre	3 hours
COM 490 or THE 490	Supervised Teaching	6 hours
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39-40 hours

Middle School (5-9) Option

MID421 or MID810	Philosophy and Organization of Middle School Curriculum Middle School – The Jr. High School	2-3 hours
MID439 or MID725	Middle School Instructional Strategies Advanced Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Early Adolescents	3 hours
MID425	Middle School Curriculum	2 hours
RDG318	Foundations of Reading Instruction	3 hours
EEM305	Field Experiences in Education	2 hours

12-13 hours

Content Area Coursework

Course #	Title	Credits
Speech (17 hours)		
COM 115	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 hours
MED 120	Mass Media and Society	3 hours
COM 322	Introduction to Argumentation	3 hours
COM 532	Teaching Debate	3 hours
COM 534	Teaching Individual Events	3 hours
COM 536	Directing Forensics	2 hours
Theatre (18 hours)		
THE 123	Acting Fundamentals	3 hours
THE 130	Introduction to Script Analysis	3 hours
THE 150	Introduction to Theatre Technology	2 hours
THE 151	Introduction to Theatre Technology Lab	1 hour
THE 310	Performing Literature	3 hours
THE 430	Directing I	3 hours
THE 530	Directing II	3 hours

Choose one option below:

Speech Option (6 hours)

COM 350	The Rhetorical Tradition and Contemporary Applications	3 hours
COM 205	Interpersonal Communication Theory Skills	3 hours

Theatre Option (9 hours)

THE 125	Voice and Movement for the Stage	2 hours
THE 224	Stage Make-up I	1 hour
THE 250	Stagecraft and Construction I	2 hours
THE 251	Stagecraft and Construction Lab	1 hour
THE 255	Lighting Design I	2 hours
THE 256	Lighting Lab I	1 hour
THE 260	Costume Construction I	2 hours
THE 261	Costume Construction Lab	1 hour
THE 541	Theatre History I	3 hours
THE 542	Theatre History II	3 hours
THE 505	Theatre for Children and Youth	3 hours
THE 506	Creative Dramatics	3 hours
THE 515	Theatre for Social Change	3 hours

Option in Speech – 41 hours

Option in Theatre – 44 hours