



Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) (K-12)

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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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TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) can only be completed as an ADDED certificate. You must earn certification in another area (recommended English 9-12) before adding TESOL certification.

Psychology and/or Education of the Exceptional Child

SPE340*	Educational Alternatives for Exceptional Students	2-3 hours
or		
SPE310	Introduction to Special Education	
or		
SPE715	Foundations in Special Education	

Basic Reading Techniques for Secondary Teachers

RDG474*	Reading and Writing in the Content Fields	2-3-hours
or		
RDG710	Content Area Literacy	

Linguistics and English Linguistics

ENG296	Introduction to Linguistics	3 hours
or		
ENG591	Linguistic Theory	
or		
ENG691	Linguistic Theory	

Language and Culture or Sociolinguistics

ENG592	Sociolinguistics for Language Teaching	3 hours
or		
ENG688		

Second Language Acquisition

ENG595	Principles of Second Language Acquisition	3 hours
or		
ENG695		

Methods of Teaching Second Language Students

ENG505	Methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	3 hours
or		
ENG605		

Materials for Teaching ESOL and the Assessment of ESOL Students

ENG596	Materials and Assessment in Teaching ESOL	3 hours
or		
ENG696		

ESOL Practicum

ENG597	Practicum in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	3 hours
or		
ENG697		

Elective Coursework**

ENG390*	Modern English Grammar	3 hours
or		
ENG590	Grammatical Analysis	
or		
ENG690	Grammatical Analysis	

Total 25-27 hours

*Will be completed as part of English 9-12 certification.

**Teachers may choose additional courses from areas such as English Language, Reading, Composition, Early Childhood Education, Bilingual Education, or Advanced Second Language Methods according to the needs of their teaching situation.