
Certification Program

Secondary Education: English

THE PROGRAM

The certification program in Secondary Education: English is designed for an individual who holds a baccalaureate degree and wants to become certified to teach English in Pennsylvania secondary schools (grades 7-12). The program is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Students who successfully complete all requirements will be recommended for the Secondary English Instructional I teaching certificate. Course work is required in both English and education.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must present a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 in the last 60 credit hours, and shall have 6 credits in college level mathematics and 6 credits in college level English composition and literature. (Effective 9/1/01)

Additionally, prospective students must successfully complete the three tests that comprise the Praxis I tests, published by Educational Testing Service.

An applicant whose language of instruction is not English is required to submit acceptable scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A score of at least 550 (paper based) or 213 (computer based) is required. The test must have been taken within the last five years. The scores must be submitted before the application will be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications may be requested from the Penn State Capital College Admissions Office, (717) 948-6250 or (800) 222-2056.

Students are required to submit the following:

- a completed application
- two copies of official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- passing scores on the Praxis I tests (reading, writing, and mathematics)
- an application fee

PROGRAM NOTES

A minimum grade of C is required in all courses for certification; however, a 3.0 grade point average is required to be eligible for student teaching. (Effective 9/1/01)

Before being placed for student teaching, students must demonstrate writing competency through preparing a writing portfolio.

OTHER QUESTIONS

If you have additional questions, please contact:

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MIDDLETOWN, PA 17057-4898
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ENGLISH CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

The English certification program requires students to take courses in both English and education. All courses required for certification, including an intensive field experience, must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to student teaching. The worksheet below lists the program requirements and will assist students in planning a program of study. Students should examine their undergraduate transcripts to determine which courses may have already been completed that would satisfy the program requirements on the worksheet below. The courses taken previously can be listed in the spaces provided on the worksheet and used as a guide for course selection.

EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS (27 Credits Required)

- EDUC 313: Field Observation/Participation (2 credits).....
- EDUC 314: Learning Theory & Instructional Procedures (3 credits).....
(EDUC 313 & EDUC 314 must be taken concurrently; Fall Only)
- EDUC 315: Social and Cultural Factors in Education (3 credits).....
(Certification students must enroll in the section reserved for prospective secondary teachers. Spring Only)
- EDUC 322: Adolescent Literature & Developmental Reading (3 credits).....
(Offered Spring only)
- EDUC 416: Teaching Secondary English & Humanities (3 credits).....
(Offered Fall term only)
- EDUC 395: Student Teaching (12 credits).....
- EDUC 435: Needs of Special Learners (1 credit).....
(EDUC 395 & EDUC 435 must be taken concurrently)

ENGLISH COURSE REQUIREMENTS (39 Credits Required) (Effective Fall 2002)

- Undergraduate Composition (6 credits).....
- ENGL 100: English Language Analysis (3 credits).....
(Offered Spring only)
- American Literature Survey (3 credits).....
- British Literature Survey (3 credits).....
- ENGL 200W: Introduction to Critical Reading (3 credits).....
- ENGL 444: Shakespeare (3 credits).....
(Offered Spring only)
- ENGL 470: Rhetorical Theory and Practice (3 credits).....
(Offered Fall only)
- 300 - 400 Level American Literature (at least 3 credits).....
- 300 - 400 Level British Literature (at least 3 credits).....
- World Literature (3 credits).....
- 2 additional literature courses (6 credits).....

Students must also successfully complete a writing portfolio.

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