

Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certificate Program

In West Virginia the license to teach is granted by the West Virginia Department of Education and is typically issued upon the completion of a four-year undergraduate program of study that included content and professional education courses. The Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certificate (PBC) program offers an accelerated route to teacher certification for persons who already have undergraduate degrees in content areas such as chemistry, music, French, and other liberal and fine arts, or professional fields. Using the previously completed content courses as a foundation, this program provides the required professional education courses at the graduate level. Additional undergraduate classes may be needed in the content area.

Upon successful completion of the PBC program, all content courses, and testing requirements, the candidate earns a recommendation to the West Virginia Department of Education for a teaching certificate at the secondary level and is eligible to apply for a certificate from the university. The PBC does not include Elementary Education or Special Education certification.

Admission to PBC and Licensure Requirements

1. Candidates must request a transcript analysis through a certification officer either in Huntington or South Charleston. An unofficial copy of the transcript may be used for the analysis. The analysis will identify the courses that can be used to meet content licensure requirements and the list of additional courses needed. Candidates must have at least 90% of the required content courses.
2. Candidates deciding to apply to the program after reviewing the transcript analysis should follow the admissions process described in this catalog or at the Graduate Admissions website at www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission. Students should apply as Certificate/Professional Development students and select the Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certificate on the admissions form. Please note that all admissions documents must be submitted to Graduate Admissions before an applicant will be considered for admission.
3. In addition to university admissions requirements, applicants must have an overall GPA of 2.70 and a GPA of 2.70 in the content area, and must meet the Praxis Core requirement.
4. An applicant may qualify for an exemption of the Praxis Core if he or she has an enhanced ACT score of 26 or higher, a revised SAT score of 1170 or higher, or a master's degree or higher.
5. Applicants must take and pass all three subtests (reading, writing and math) of the Praxis Core prior to being admitted to the PBC program. The required Praxis scores are Reading = 156, Writing = 162, and Math = 150.
6. Students may enroll in graduate courses only after they have been fully admitted to the PBC program. All students must maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0.
7. In the last semester of the program students will be enrolled in EDF 677, MAT Level III Clinical Experience, a 15 week, full-time student teaching experience under the direct supervision of a certified teacher(s). Prerequisites for student teaching include the following: 3.0 GPA in all graduate PBC courses; completion of at least 90% of content courses (100% recommended); completion of EDF 537 and EDF 637, Level I and II Clinical Experiences; completion of all PBC coursework and the Praxis content test(s).
8. Before a candidate may apply for certification/licensure, he or she must take and pass the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Grades 7-12. The PLT may be taken during or following the final semester in the PBC program.
9. Upon completion of the PBC program and all testing requirements, the student should apply for licensure. The teaching license is awarded by the West Virginia Department of Education; however, the candidate must be recommended for licensure by the institution.

Program Requirements

Foundations of Education..... 6 hours

- EDF 616 Advanced Studies in Human Development OR
- EDF 619, Educational Psychology
- EDF 537 Clinical I - Lab to accompany EDF 616 or EDF 619
- EDF 612 Educational Evaluation OR
- EDF 636 Classroom Assessment

Curriculum and Instruction 12 Hours

- CISP 510 Intro. to Instructional Practices/Exceptional Children
- CISP 521 Children with Exceptionalities
- CIRG 644 Literacy in the Content Area
- CI 515 Integrated Methods and Materials
- EDF 637 Clinical II - Lab to accompany CI 515