



SOCIAL STUDIES / CITIZENSHIP 7-12 CERTIFICATION

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING PROGRAM

The mission of the post-bacc secondary citizenship education program is to prepare professionals who understand that pedagogical choices grow from a deep understanding of the disciplinary knowledge in history and civics in relation to a consideration of the unique needs of learners in 21st century classrooms and beyond. That consideration honors the diverse nature of students in the classroom and grows from an understanding of the community being served. Starting with this pedagogical-content knowledge, candidates construct standards-based plans that are grounded in a study of best practice as defined by research, models of excellence in the field, and creative contemplation. This includes standards and frameworks developed by the National Council Council for the Social Studies, especially the guiding principles of the College, Career, and Civic Life framework that emphasizes inquiry, interdisciplinarity, and connections to Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts. Such construction of lesson and unit level plans forms the foundation of a practice pushed forward by reflection, thoughtful revision, and dialogue with other professionals. The emphasis on reflective practice recognizes that both educational policy and learner characteristics are fluid and dynamic. This positions candidates as scholars of their practice, and connoisseurs of the research that informs best practices in social studies teaching and learning and beyond. Candidates understand that this practice grows throughout their career.

Course Requirements

Professional Education Courses Required for Certification

- EDUC 502.2 Intro. to the Education of English Language Learners (spring)
- EDUC 503 Student Development & Instructional Design (40 hr Stage 1&2 Field Exp)
- EDUC 507 Culture, Community & Diversity: Intro. to Critical Pedagogy (40 hour Stage 1&2 Field Experience/ fulfills M3)
- EDUC 530.2 Computer Technology in the Classroom
- EDUC 534 Including Students with Disabilities (spring)
- EDUC 540 Reflective Teaching (offered fall only; 40 hour Stage 3 Field Exp.)
- EDUC 565 Curriculum and Instruction in Secondary - Social Studies (offered fall only; 110 hour Stage 3 Field Experience)
- EDUC 575-7 Student Teaching
- EDUC 578 Seminar in Secondary Teaching

Historical Studies Major Requirements for Certification in Citizenship Education

Interdisciplinary (1 Course)

- HIST 112 How was Hitler Possible? War, Society, and Culture in Europe Since 1500
- HIST 116 Medieval Europe
- HIST 113 The United States to 1877
- HIST 114 The United States Since 1865
- HIST 270 Historical Methods & Interpretations

PLUS One 100-level history course from an area outside Europe or the U.S.

Two additional 200-level history courses

Two additional 300-level history courses

- POSC 110 American National Government
- POSC 115 International Politics
- POSC 125 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- IDIS 110 World Geography
- ECON 152 Principles of Economics

Additional Courses Required for Social Studies Certification

- SOC 115 Introductory Sociology
- PSYC 120 Introduction to Psychology

Teacher Action Research

- EDUC 500 The Teacher as Inquirer
- EDUC 506 The Teacher as Researcher
- EDUC 508 The Teacher as Evaluator
- EDUC 700 Curriculum Development and Action Research
- EDUC 701 Writing a Review of Educational Research
- EDUC 702 Reflective Practice Seminar
- EDUC 704-5 Literacy-Based Action Research Thesis

Completing a Full Major in History

With careful planning and some summer coursework, students can complete the requirements for citizenship education certification while completing a full departmental major in history. A major in history would allow increased facility in teaching the content as well as improved marketability.

The Field Experience Program

The purpose of the field experience is to provide students with appropriate classroom experiences at each level of their coursework. These experiences are meant to assist the student in determining whether teaching is an appropriate career choice.

Several courses in the professional education sequence require day-time field experiences. These are: EDUC 503, Student Development & Instructional Design, and EDUC 507, Culture, Community & Diversity: Intro. to Critical Pedagogy, both of which require a 40 hour Stage 1&2 field experience; EDUC 540, Reflective Teaching in Secondary Schools, with a 40 hour Stage 3 field experience; and EDUC 565, Curriculum and Instruction in the Secondary - Social Studies, with a 110 hour Stage 3 pre-student teaching field experience. The Education Department's Director of Field Experiences is responsible for securing all field placements which will be in local public or private schools. Candidates who are not able to complete these experiences will be required to take EDUC 586.2 Early Field Experience or EDUC 558.2 Pre-Student Teaching Field Experience I prior to acceptance into student teaching.

Stage 4 Student Teaching is the culminating experience of the teacher preparation program. It takes place under the supervision of qualified program faculty and cooperating teachers. Student teachers will have two placements during the semester. All U.S. placements are in Pennsylvania schools near the College. In addition to the daily classroom experience, students are required to attend a weekly seminar with their College supervisors.

Clearance Requirements

There are three clearance checks required of ALL STUDENTS by the Pennsylvania Department of Education at every level of Field Experience. These are: FBI Federal Criminal History Record, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance. Students will be placed in field experiences only if all background checks are clear of record. Clearances must be updated annually and valid for the entire field placement. Unless clearances have been updated, students will be unable to register for Education courses with field experiences.

In addition, all students must have a TB test within three months of the start of any field placement.

Important Guidelines

- Students must have an overall GPA of 2.7 in order to take education courses numbered above 510.
- All education courses must be completed prior to beginning student teaching. No other courses should be taken during the student teaching semester.
- Students must have prior written approval by the program coordinator if they plan to complete any of these courses at another institution.

The Requirement for Basic Skills Assessment

Students in all Pennsylvania Instructional I teacher certification programs must successfully complete basic skills assessments in reading, mathematics and writing. Currently there are two testing options. You may take either the Pearson PECT Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) or the ETS Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) exams. Please consult test provider websites for additional information regarding test content, testing locations and registration procedures. See: <http://www.pa.nesinc.com>, select 'tests', then 'PAPA' and/or <https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/>.

Students may qualify for exemption from the basic skills assessment exams based on their SAT or ACT scores. Please contact the Education Department regarding exemptions and other test related questions you may have.

Candidates are encouraged to take the PAPA or CORE exams prior to or during the sophomore year. If not exempt, all teacher certification candidates will be required to pass these tests prior to admission into the teacher certification program and participation in any Stage 3 Field Experiences.

A content knowledge Praxis Level II tests administered by ETS is also required. Content knowledge tests should be taken after most appropriate course work has been completed, but prior to student teaching. The Praxis Series Registration Bulletin found online at: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/bulletin/> will have the most up-to-date information. Test scores should be reported to Moravian College (RA2418) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Students who test in another state must list PDE as a score recipient to avoid processing delays of their teaching certificate. Test results for in state tests are automatically reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Testing Requirements for Citizenship Ed. (7-12) Social Studies (7-12)

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Basic Skills Assessments

(Administered by Pearson or ETS)

- *PAPA Modules: Reading/Math/Writing
- *or CORE Modules: Reading/Math/Writing
- *or testing EXEMPTION based on SAT/ACT scores

*REQUIRED PRIOR TO Acceptance into the Teacher Certification Program and Participation in STAGE3 PST Field Experiences.

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Content Area Test

(1 Required, Administered by ETS)

- ** Citizenship Education: Content Knowledge Test Code: 5087
- ** Social Studies: Content Knowledge Test Code: 5081

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