M.Ed. in Secondary Education: Teaching with Initial Certification Requirements

The M.Ed. in Secondary Education: Teaching with Initial Certification consists of a minimum of 36 semester hours of coursework, including clinical experience. All courses are three semester hours with the exception of the Intensive Clinical Experience. This program is designed to accelerate teacher certification for students who have already demonstrated content mastery. A student can earn a master's degree simultaneously with teaching certification. KU offers 7-12 teaching certification in the following areas: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth and Space Science, General Science, Mathematics, Mathematics and Physics, English, and Social Studies. The K-12 teaching certification areas include Spanish and German. Consult with the Secondary Education Department Chair about the certification requirements that you will need to fulfill.

Note that all students much achieve 36 graduate credits and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA to graduate.

Area I Curriculum: Planning and Preparation – 6 credits
EDUC 526 Data Driven Decision Making (3 credits)
Select one of the following courses:
EDUC 564 Foundations of the Middle Level Learner (3 credits)
EDUC 568 Middle Level Curriculum and Instruction (3 credits)

Area II Education Environment – 9 credits
EDUC 527 Foundations in Urban Education (3 credits)
SEED 535 Classroom Management for the Inclusive Classroom (3 credits)
SPEE 500 Cognitive Development of Diverse Learners in a Standards Aligned System (3 credits)

Area III Instruction – 3 credits
Working with your advisor, a student will select one of the following options for this area of coursework.
EDUC 534 Instructional Methodology for English Learners (3 credits)
SEED 540 Reading, Writing, and Critical Thinking for the Middle and High School Levels (3 credits)
Select one of the following courses:
SEED 420 Science Methods
SEED 422 Modern Language Methods
SEED 425 English Methods
SEED 426 Social Studies Methods
SEED 430 Mathematics Methods

Area IV Professionalism – 9 credits
EDUC 532 Education Exploration (3 credits)
EDUC 592 Intensive Clinical Experience (6 credits)

Elective Course – 3 credits
Choose one course from the following selection of courses:
EDUC 533 Social Interpretations of Education (3 credits)
EDUC 535 Major Philosophies of Education (3 credits)
EDUC 562 School Law (3 credits)
EDUC 597 Change in Education (3 credits)

Electronic Portfolio
Students are required to submit an electronic portfolio of their work. Please consult with your advisor for additional information.

Additional Information for Certification
Program Structure and Field Component
Students progress through the program as a cohort group starting course work in the summer semester. Course work continues through the following fall and winter semesters and is completed in the spring by taking two accelerated courses and the 14-week clinical experience in either the Allentown or Reading School District.

Students will complete early field experience. These field experiences will be documented and analyzed in the course EDU 532 Education Exploration as a prerequisite for the capstone clinical experience.

General Admission Requirements
- Passing score for Praxis II Subject Assessment test in the content area sent to Kutztown University.
- Earned bachelor's degree (GPA) of 3.0 in area of certification or related area or evidence of achievement of a 3.0 post-bachelor's GPA (minimum of four content area courses)
- Completion of graduate entrance requirements.
- Appropriate clearances sent to Graduate Admissions.
- Successful interview with Department of Secondary Education.

Additional Requirements for Certification/Graduation
Candidates seeking program completion and certification must satisfy all curriculum requirements, all University requirements, and fulfill the following:
- Passing score for Praxis II Subject Assessment test in the content area. Foreign Language certification also requires the Praxis II Fundamental Subjects Assessment.
- 3.0 GPA maintained throughout the program.
- Complete appropriate certification/graduate paperwork to process certification/graduate degree

Program Plan Code: MED_SCED_TEAC
Effective Semester: Fall 2015