

ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO NEW PROGRAMS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION AND THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of two new degree programs for the Bachelor of Arts in Education and the Bachelor of Science in education, each with a major in secondary education, and each major with concentrations reflecting teaching majors and minors in the College of Education, effective fall term 2016.

Background

The Bachelor of Science in Education Program with a major in Secondary Education will educate, advance and provide practical experiences for undergraduates who seek initial teacher certification in grades sixth through twelfth. Graduates are equipped with the essential content knowledge, performances and critical dispositions to become highly qualified educators prepared to address the unique concerns of urban districts. The Bachelors of Arts also includes a focus on learning a foreign language at the intermediate level.

Program Description

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science, each with a major in Secondary Education, lead to a Michigan Secondary Provisional Teaching Certificate for teaching in grades 6-12. Each program consists of university General Education requirements, college requirements, a teaching major, a teaching minor, and a sequence of professional education courses, including one semester each of pre-student teaching and student teaching. The policy of the College of Education is to provide teaching experiences in both an urban and suburban setting.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the College of Education is on two levels.

Level 1: Students are directly admitted to the College of Education Level 1 from high school or another institution of higher learning by completing an admission application to the University, selecting a College of Education program on the admission application, and meeting Wayne State University's undergraduate admission requirements.

Level 2, Entry into the Professional Education Sequence: Admission to Level 2 requires a separate College application. Students complete the Level 2 application when all Level 2 admission requirements have been fulfilled, including:

1. Completion of at least 53 semester hours
2. A minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.50
3. Completion of 12 credit hours in the teaching major
4. Completion of TED 2250, Becoming an Urban Educator and 40 hours of group work with children
5. Completion of Intermediate Composition

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6. Completion of Mathematics Competency
7. A passing score on each of the three section of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Professional Readiness Exam (PRE)
8. A copy of a negative Tuberculosis (TB) test (within the last 3 years)
9. A current (within the last 6 months) statewide Criminal History Check
10. Up-to-date transcripts from each undergraduate school attended or WSU Transfer Credit Evaluation
11. Advisor-signed curriculum guide
12. Attend a mandatory College of Education Level 2 orientation
13. Visual Arts Education teaching majors must meet the following admission requirements in addition to those listed above: A) Completion of 30 credit hours in Art Foundation Courses and B) a completed portfolio demonstrating competence in art

Curriculum Requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts in Education and the Bachelor of Science in Education, each with a major in secondary education, must complete a minimum of 124 credit hours. The Bachelor of Arts in Education program additionally requires completing a foreign language at the intermediate level. Students must complete all courses in the teaching major, teaching minor, and in the professional education sequence with a grade of “C” or better and maintain a cumulative 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA).

Graduation Requirements

All coursework must be completed in accordance with the student’s curriculum Plan of Work and the regulations governing undergraduate scholarship and degrees.

Program Administration

The Assistant Dean of the Teacher Education Division will have general oversight over the degree programs, curriculums, and clinical experiences. The Assistant Dean of the Academic Services Division will have oversight for the advising of students in meeting the degree requirements, degree certification, and recommendations to the Michigan Department of Education for teacher certification.

Budget and Resource Requirements

The establishment of these new programs does not require any new budget or resource requirements, since these two new programs are replacing existing programs that are being discontinued.

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Accreditation

The College of Education is currently accredited by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) and is annually reviewed under the new entity, the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The proposed programs will be evaluated similarly by CAEP.

Approvals

The faculty of the Teacher Education Division, the College of Education Assembly, the Office of the Dean of the College of Education, and the Office of the Provost have approved the establishment of these two new degree programs.