

MIDDLE OR SECONDARY TEACHING CERTIFICATION

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)

Delivery Online

This is a guide based on the 2026-2027 Graduate Catalog and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

33 hours required – 3.0 GPA Required

Required Courses:

- ___ SE602 Effective Literacy Instruction at the Middle and Secondary Levels (3)
- ___ SE612 Responsive Literacy for Middle and High School Students with Academic Challenges (3)
- ___ SE650 Introduction to Teaching Methods in Middle and Secondary Schools (3)
- ___ SE651 Introductory Practicum 1 in Middle and Secondary Schools (3)
- ___ SE654 Advanced Methods of Teaching in Middle and Secondary Schools (3)
- ___ SE656 Techniques of Teaching Middle or Secondary Content (3)
- ___ SE660 Intermediate Practicum 2 in Middle and Secondary Schools (3)
- ___ SE670 Internship in Middle and Secondary Schools (8)

Choose 4 hours:

- ___ SE652 Intermediate Methods of Teaching in Middle Schools (4)
- ___ SE653 Intermediate Methods of Teaching in Secondary Schools (4)

Choose one with advice of program coordinator:

- ___ GR698 Master's Final Comprehensive Examination (0)
- ___ GR699 Master's Oral Examination (0)

Degree Requirements

The field experience component requires practicums within the appropriate certification grade-band and content area. These will occur during the mornings and/or afternoons. The field work must be completed in approved settings, under the supervision of a certified teacher and qualified university supervisor. This field work may be completed in the graduate student's workplace if the setting meets the requirements.

Certification

The state of Missouri has high expectations for future educators. Students must meet the following standards to be recommended for licensure following degree completion. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all required program courses. In addition, students must pass the MO Educator Evaluation System for recommendation for licensure and fulfill other assessments such as a dispositions profile and be cleared through an FBI background check.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must have the following:

- 1.** For certification grades 9-12: BA or BS degree in the content area or closely related field that meets the required core competencies for the license. Licensure areas include agriculture, art, biology, business, chemistry, English, family and consumer sciences, mathematics, instrumental and vocal music, physical education, physics, social studies, technology and engineering, world languages
OR
For certification grades 5-9: BA or BS degree in the content area or 24 credit hours of completed courses that meet the required content competencies for that license. Licensure areas include language arts, mathematics, science, social studies.
- 2.** An undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale and specific content GPA of 3.0
- 3.** Passage of the Missouri Content Assessment in an appropriate area as defined by the Department of Leadership, Middle, and Secondary Education. Must pass before recommendation for certification.
- 4.** Completion of PY220/PY222 Adolescent Development or similar to the Child and Adolescent Psychology
- 5.** Completion of EX390/635 Psychology and Education of Children with Exceptionalities or similar course

International applicants must also have a minimum IELTS Academic score of 7.0, TOEFL iBT score of 95, PTE Academic score of 64 or Duolingo English score of 125. *This requirement is for non-United States citizens who are not native English speakers. Students from countries where English is known to be the official language of education are exempt from English proficiency verification. For a complete list of countries, visit*

<https://semo.edu/international/admissions/policies.html>.

Provisional Admission

Provisional admission will be considered if prerequisites are partially filled and GPA and testing criteria are met.

For graduate studies admissions deadlines, visit

<https://semo.edu/admissions/requirements/graduate.html>.

