

Winter 2012



**POST-BACCALAUREATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION
GROUP ADVISING SCHEDULE**

Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification is a non-degree program for someone who has already earned a bachelors degree or higher who now wishes to earn a teaching certificate. For information on the program, including admission requirements, teaching majors and minors, professional education classes, and field experiences, please visit www.emich.edu/coe/students and click on "Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification."

After reading through the on-line materials, the next step is to attend a Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification group advising session. Choose to attend either the session focused on **elementary certification** (K-8) or on **secondary certification** (6-12 and K-12). However, if you wish to pursue a **special education** endorsement, contact the Department of Special Education, 734.487.3300. Each session lasts for 90 minutes; plan to attend the entire session. No prior registration is required.

Secondary Certification - for those who wish to teach grades 6-12. This also covers K-12 certification in art, music, physical education, world languages and technology.

Tuesday, January 24	6 pm	208 Porter Building
Tuesday, February 7	9 am	230 Porter Building
Thursday, February 23	6 pm	301 B/C Porter Building
Thursday, March 8	2 pm	207 Porter Building
Tuesday, March 20	6 pm	208 Porter Building
Thursday, April 12	9 am	230 Porter Building
Monday, April 16	6 pm	230 Porter Building

Elementary Certification - for those who wish to teach grades K-8.

Wednesday, January 25	9 am	230 Porter Building
Thursday, February 16	2 pm	230 Porter Building
Monday, February 20	6 pm	208 Porter Building
Thursday, March 15	9 am	230 Porter Building
Wednesday, April 4	2 pm	211 Porter Building
Monday, April 23	6 pm	208 Porter Building

Parking is available for \$1/hour in the Student Center Lot, Bowen Lot, Pease Lot, McKenny Lot and Alexander Lot. The campus map can be viewed at www.emich.edu/maps.

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POST-BACCALAUREATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Post-baccalaureate Teacher Certification at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) is designed for the student who holds at least a four-year baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution who now wishes to earn a teaching certificate. About one-fourth of all students preparing to become first-time teachers through EMU hold a bachelor's or higher degree at the time they start. In many of these cases, people are making a mid-career occupational change. This means, at any given time, hundreds of adults are studying at EMU to become teachers after having had a career in another field.

Elementary certification, which covers grades K-8, requires completion of an elementary liberal arts major, a second elementary major (or two minors), and a sequence of professional education classes. Secondary certification, which covers grades 6-12, requires a few general classes, completion of a teaching major and teaching minor, and a sequence of professional education classes. At EMU secondary certification also includes K-12 programs in art, music, physical education, world languages, and technology and design. Appropriate Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) subject area tests are also necessary to complete the certification requirements.

Students may use coursework from their previous undergraduate studies to satisfy some of these requirements. Program length can vary depending upon the courses a student has previously taken and whether or not he/she is going to school full-time, part-time, and during spring and summer.

Requirements for admission to EMU's post-baccalaureate teacher certification include:

- A bachelor's degree.
- 2.50 or higher cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA).
- Passing scores on all three sections (reading, writing and mathematics) of the MTTC Basic Skills test.
- Completed application materials: undergraduate application, program application, signed statement of civil/criminal convictions, personal statement, letter of recommendation, and official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.

If you are interested in finding out if Post-baccalaureate Teacher Certification is a good match to your interests and needs, consider attending a group advising session. Group advising provides the information you need to make an informed decision and is required of everyone who is interested in receiving individual advising. Additional information about the program can be found at www.emich.edu/coe/students/pb/.

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