Secondary Education, Certificate

Moment by moment, day by day and person by person, educators improve lives and strengthen communities. Wherever life takes you, being an educator prepares you to master new knowledge, communicate effectively and thrive in a world -- and an economy -- in which lifelong learning is key to success and happiness.

Description

The secondary education certificate program prepares students who wish to teach students enrolled in grades 6-12. While students develop a strong content background, the secondary education certificate focuses on developing the requisite teaching knowledge and abilities to successfully teach middle or high school students. In order to integrate teacher preparation with the academic specialization, the Teachers College collaborates and communicates with academic departments throughout the university. Clinical experience and student teaching are required components of this certificate.

Students who complete this certificate program are issued an institutional recommendation for certification in Arizona. Students desiring to teach in a public school must also pass the appropriate Arizona educator exams (either the National Evaluation Series or the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments) to be certified to teach in the state of Arizona.

The secondary education undergraduate certificate is also available for students who have earned a bachelor’s degree; this is considered a nondegree graduate pathway.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Polytechnic campus, Tempe campus, West campus, ASU@Lake Havasu, ASU@The Gila Valley

Program Requirements
The certificate requires a minimum of 30 hours.

**Required Courses -- 15 credit hours**

- BLE 407: SEI for Secondary Students (L) (3)
- RDG 323: Literacy Processes in Content Areas (3)
- SED 322: Classroom Leadership in Secondary Schools (L) (3)
- SPE 417: Inclusion Practices at the Secondary Level (3)
- TEL 311: Instruction and Management in the Inclusive Classroom (3)

**Methods Course (choose one) -- 3 credit hours**

Please consult with MLFTC academic advisor to select appropriate subject methods course.

- BIO 480: Methods of Teaching Biology (3)
- CHM 480: Methods of Teaching Chemistry (3)
- ENG 480: Methods of Teaching English: Composition (L) (3)
- ENG 482: Methods of Teaching English: Language (L) (3)
- HST 480: Methods of Teaching History: Classroom Resources (3)
- MTE 482: Methods of Teaching Mathematics in Secondary School (3)
- MTE 485: Teaching Standards-Based Middle and High School Mathematics (3)
- PHY 480: Methods of Teaching Physics (3)
- SED 403: Secondary Principles, Curriculum and Methods (3)
- SED 480: Special Methods of Teaching Social Studies (3)
- SED 482: Science Teaching Methods for Secondary Schools (3)
- SES 480: Teaching Earth and Space Sciences (3)
- SLC 479: Introduction to Teaching Foreign Languages (3)

**Required Clinical Experiences -- 12 credit hours**

- SED 396: Clinical Experience I or SED 398: Clinical Experience or SED 397: Clinical Experience II or SED 496: Clinical Experience III (1-3)
- SED 478: Student Teaching: Secondary Education (Grades 6-12) (11-12)

**Notes:** A full-time 15-week student teaching experience is also required. Degree requirements for student's major must be completed prior to student teaching.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.
Enrollment Requirements

Students interested in pursuing the secondary education certificate should be enrolled as a degree-seeking undergraduate student. This program is also available to students in the Phoenix area or Gila Valley area (Morenci) who have already completed a bachelor's degree and want to be certified to teach. Students interested in this option will apply to ASU as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Students interested in this program should have content knowledge in one of the following areas, demonstrated by having a minimum of 24 credit hours in coursework for the major or a passing score on appropriate teacher certification exam: biology, business, chemistry, Chinese (Mandarin), earth and space science, economics, English, French, general science, geography, German, history, mathematics, physics, political science or Spanish.

Students should have a valid Arizona DPS Identity Verified Print (IVP) fingerprint clearance card.

A 2.50 GPA is required to progress into the final semester of student teaching. Students should contact the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College for more information.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

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