SECONDARY EDUCATION, ED.S.

Programs leading to Class AA certification in Secondary Education (6-12) are available in:
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- English Language Arts (comprehensive)
- Foreign Language (French or Spanish)
- General Science (comprehensive)
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Social Science (comprehensive)

Admission Requirements

Admission requires appropriate, prerequisite master's level certification. An entrance exam score (at least 300 on the GRE or the 50th percentile or above on the MAT) is needed for regular admission. Admission requirements for the Graduate School (Admission Criteria) and the College of Education (General Admission) are detailed in earlier sections of this catalog. See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

Degree Requirements

A minimum of 30 hours of appropriate work beyond the MA degree and the completion of a research project are required for the educational specialist degree. Graduate coursework must include the following:
- curriculum and teaching, 9 hours
- foundations of professional studies, 3 hours
- evaluation of teaching and learning, 3 hours
- teaching field, 12 hours
- electives (which may be specified), 3 hours
- If the special education survey course requirement has not been fulfilled, SPE 500 is required.

Students must be certain that their planned programs meet all certification requirements according to programs approved by the state department of education. Approved program checklists are available from the program office. NOTE: The comprehensive fields of general science, general social science, and English language arts require at least one course in two areas within the broader field as follows:
- English language arts must include courses from at least two of the following areas: EN, JN, COM or TH
- General science must include courses from at least two of the following areas: BSC, CH, PH or GEO.
- General social science must include courses from at least two of the following areas: HY, SOC, PY, PSC, GY or EC

Candidates moving from the comprehensive fields of general science or general social science to a single teaching field must earn passing scores on the appropriate Praxis subject assessment for certification in the single teaching field. For example, a student admitted with Class A general science certification who completes teaching field coursework only in physics must earn a passing score on the Praxis for physics to earn Class AA physics certification.

Postsecondary Instruction

Graduate students in the EdS program who have an interest in teaching in postsecondary institutions may take advantage of the program's flexibility to acquire a maximum of 18 hours in cognate field courses. Students who have this option in mind should coordinate the program of study carefully with their advisors.