

# Advising Information

## Mielke Family Department of Education



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### TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Lawrence students can pursue teacher certification in the following areas:

#### **Elementary (preK-6)**

General Elementary

#### **Secondary (5-12)**

English  
Social Studies  
Math  
Science  
Computer Science

#### **All-Levels (preK-12)**

Art  
Music – through the Conservatory only  
Theater  
World Languages  
English as a Second Language (ESL)

For elementary certification, students can major in any subject (college or conservatory). For secondary or all-levels certification, students major in their certification area and can add an additional area through a second major or minor. To add ESL certification, a student must complete the Teaching ESL minor in the Linguistics program.

To be certified, students must complete the following:

**Courses** – each with a 20-hour practicum

EDST 180: *Psychology of Learning* – open to first-year students

EDST 350: *Ethnicity, Cultural Diversity, and Education*

EDST 440: *Sociology of Education*

Education Studies (EDST) courses are open to all students and fulfill the social science GER

EDUC 412: *The Science of Reading* – required for elementary certification; elective for others

EDUC 430 (college) or 431 (conservatory): *Educating All Learners* – prerequisite: EDST 180

EDUC 555, 560, 563, 565, or 585: *Teaching Methods\** – by subject area

\*Methods courses are taken in the spring term prior to student teaching

#### **GPA & Tests**

For program admission & certification for licensure: 2.75 composite GPA

Before student teaching (elementary):

- 3.00 GPA in major & EDUC courses or qualifying score on Praxis II test
- Qualifying score on the Foundations of Reading Test (FoRT)

Before student teaching (secondary or all-levels):

- 3.00 GPA in major or qualifying score on Praxis II or ACTFL subject test

During student teaching: Passing score on the edTPA teacher performance assessment

#### **Student Teaching**

Elementary – 5<sup>th</sup>-year apprenticeship (36 weeks) in Appleton school, including methods instruction

Secondary & All-Levels – one semester (18 weeks) in Fox Cities, Chicago, or international

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## **MINOR IN EDUCATION STUDIES**

Students interested in work or graduate study in education-related fields (such as education policy, law, or administration; counseling, school psychology, or special education; library, museum, or arts programs) should consider the minor in education studies.

### **Required for the minor in education studies**

1. Three foundational courses:
  1. EDST 180: *Psychology of Learning*
  2. EDST 350: *Ethnicity, Cultural Diversity, and Education*
  3. EDST 315: *Philosophy of Children*
2. Three additional courses in education studies (EDST) or child development (PSYC 260/265), with at least one at the 400 level or above.

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