



Post-Baccalaureate Certification Options

Please note that students interested in pursuing a teaching certification in Secondary Education have two options for achieving the Instructional I certificate:

Graduate Level Option – *Master's with Certification* – This option gives students the opportunity to pursue a master's degree and a teaching certificate simultaneously. Most of these courses are taken at the graduate level. To apply to this program, visit the College of Graduate Studies at: <http://www.kutztown.edu/academics/graduate/process.shtml> or contact them at 610-683-4201 or graduate@kutztown.edu.

Undergraduate Level Option - *Post-Baccalaureate Certification* – This option gives students the opportunity to pursue certification utilizing undergraduate level courses. Students may, however, take up to a total of nine credits at the graduate level. To apply to this program, download an application from the College of Education website at: <http://www.kutztown.edu/academics/education/index.aspx> or call 610-683-4332.

Acceptance Criteria

Graduate Level Option – Praxis I and II, the GRE's or the Miller Analogies. Also, a minimum 3.0 GPA in a bachelor's degree program, and the following course work with a minimum grade of C: English Composition, Speech, an English literature course and six credits of mathematics.

Undergraduate Level Option – A minimum 3.0 GPA in a bachelor's degree program, and the following course work with a minimum grade of C: English Composition, Speech, an English literature course and six credits of mathematics.

Note: Candidates can be conditionally accepted without the five courses mentioned above provided they satisfy this requirement their first semester at KU.

Timeline

The timeline for completion of the certification program depends on the amount of course work required on your program of study. For the *Graduate Level Option -- Master's with Certification*, students take the prescribed course work on their program of study. The certification course work is traditionally completed prior to the master's program course work. Candidates in this program would then complete their master's degree after receiving their Instructional I certificate. The school district in which the candidate is employed would then pay for the remainder of the master's degree. For students choosing the *Undergraduate Level Option -- Post-Baccalaureate Certification*, the timeline for completion would be based entirely on the prescribed course work required on the Program of Study.

Course Requirements

You may view the course requirements for the specific area of certification you are seeking by going to the Secondary Education website at: <http://www.kutztown.edu/acad/coe/seced/credit.asp> . This will give you a listing of the various certification areas offered in Secondary Education. By clicking on the respective certification area in which you are interested, you will see a two-page document which would be used in determining your program of study for certification. Please keep in mind that if you are choosing the *Graduate Level Option -- Master's with Certification*, you may take graduate level equivalent courses for the undergraduate courses prescribed on your Program of Study. These graduate level courses would count toward your certification and your master's program simultaneously.

Since this is not an undergraduate degree, you only need to be concerned with four General Education requirements in *Column A* on the first page. These courses are: English Composition, Speech, an English Literature course and six credits of mathematics. All of these courses need to be achieved with a minimum grade of "C." The remainder of the General Education courses in *Column A* would not be required.

You would then match your bachelor's degree transcript to the course requirements in *Columns B (right column of page one) and C (page two)*. You may disregard the EDU 015 Freshmen Seminar course in *Column B* as this is not required of post-baccalaureate certification students.