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## M.ED in Secondary Education: Teaching with Initial Certification Program and Application FAQ

### Program FAQ:

#### 1. How long will the program take to complete?

The program is a one-year, hybrid model with courses both online and in-person. Coursework begins in the summer semester and continues through the fall, winter, and culminates in the spring with student teaching in an urban secondary school within Reading or Allentown school districts.

#### 2. Is there a GPA required for admission?

We expect applicants to have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0.

#### 3. What is the cost of the program?

Please refer to Kutztown University's [graduate tuition page](#). Note that this is a 36-credit graduate program. For more questions regarding program cost, please contact the Student Accounts office at [studentaccounts@kutztown.edu](mailto:studentaccounts@kutztown.edu).

#### 4. Can you review my transcript?

We do not provide transcript evaluations or advisement prior to applying. The application process includes transcript review.

We have included content area guidelines worksheets on our webpage. Find them under the drop-down menu titled "Content Area Course Requirements". These worksheets detail the expectations of each content area for admission. Applicants can use these forms to get a sense of where they stand with previous coursework. Faculty will evaluate applications to determine an admissions decision based on the criteria in the guidelines. It is possible that some candidates will be admitted conditionally pending the completion of additional courses. If you choose to fill out a worksheet you may submit it with your application.

#### 5. I have clearances completed from previous jobs—do I need to renew them?

Clearances must be up to date for admittance into the program. [Find the list of required clearances and instructions for obtaining them here](#). Upload proof of clearances to the applicant portal after submitting your application. See the application section of this FAQ for more details.

#### 6. What is the Praxis II Subject Assessment test?

The Praxis II Subject Assessments measure the academic skills and subject-specific content knowledge needed for teaching. A passing score in your area of certification is required for admittance into the program. Here are the current Subject Assessment tests:

- [Biology \(5235\)](#)
- [Chemistry \(5245\)](#)
- [Earth and Space Science \(5571\)](#)
- [English \(5038\)](#)



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- [General Science \(5435\)](#)
- [Mathematics \(5161\)](#)
- [Physics \(5265\)](#)
- [Social Studies \(5081\)](#)
- [Spanish \(5195\) \\*](#)
- [German \(5183\) \\*](#)

\*Please note that German and Spanish content areas require a passing score for the [Praxis II Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge \(5511\)](#) test as well.

**7. I have not taken the Praxis II Subject Assessment test yet—can I still apply?**

You may still apply, but a passing score must be obtained prior to the start of your first semester in the program. Accepted students who do not obtain a passing score will be dismissed from the program.

**8. What does the cohort model mean?**

A cohort model means that you are enrolled with a group of other teacher candidates, and you will all follow the same coursework schedule. This is an advantage over other programs as you will work together through the program as a learning and teaching community. Please note that there is not an option to take the program outside of the cohort model.

**9. What grades can I teach after program completion?**

This program leads to an initial teaching certification to teach grades 7-12 in Pennsylvania in your content area. Certification in Spanish or German allows you to teach grades Pre-K-12.

**10. What does it mean that your program emphasizes urban education?**

We believe in a public education that advocates for learners of all backgrounds. Having experience with urban schools helps our teacher candidates better address the challenges of social inequality in all school contexts. This experience also makes our teacher candidates more marketable in their job search.

**If you have further questions, please contact the department of Secondary Education at [secondaryeducation@kutztown.edu](mailto:secondaryeducation@kutztown.edu).**

**FAQ continued →**



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## Application FAQ:

Watch a walkthrough for applying here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4jSPLB\\_OME](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4jSPLB_OME)

### 1. What program do I select on the application?

After entering your information on the Applicant Information page, select “**M.Ed Secondary Education – Teaching, (Content Area), M.Ed**” from the dropdown menu on the Enrollment Information Page. Be sure to select the content area you want to be certified in.

### 2. What documents do I need to upload?

Proof of clearances and proof of a passing Praxis II Content Knowledge exam score must be uploaded. Applicants may also upload a completed content area guidelines worksheet.

### 3. How do I upload documents with my application?

After submitting your application, visit the applicant portal. Select the type of item you want to upload, choose the document from your computer, and hit “Upload”.

### 4. What I have an application fee waiver code—how do I use it?

A waiver code can be entered on the Applicant Information page of the application. The field to enter the code is under the section titled “Other”. Please note that this code must be entered before reaching the payment page.

**For help with the application, please contact the office of Graduate Admissions at [graduate@kutztown.edu](mailto:graduate@kutztown.edu).**