

TEACHER EDUCATION

Within the context of a biblical worldview, the mission of the Bethel College School of Education is to prepare high quality candidates to serve as wise decision makers and leaders in professional roles.

Admission to Teacher Education Program

To be admitted to the teacher education program, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Have achieved sophomore status.
2. Have a minimum 2.50 grade point average on all college work.
3. Complete ENGL 101, 102 and EDUC 102 with a grade of "C-" or better.
4. Obtain at least the minimum scores currently required by the Indiana Professional Standards Board on the Praxis I, Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST).
5. Complete Application for Teacher Education Program. Applications are due in October or February.
6. Be recommended by the faculty of the school in which the student plans to major.
7. Successfully complete the Teacher Education Interview, including an initial portfolio assessment.
8. Gain approval by the Teacher Education Council.

The Professional Semester

The professional semester includes specific course work and a full-time student teaching experience in an appropriate school setting. Students may complete their student teaching during either the fall or spring semester. Before beginning the professional semester, the student must meet the following requirements.

1. Have achieved senior status.
2. Maintain at least a 2.50 grade point average.
3. Complete all prerequisite education courses with a grade of "C-" or higher.
4. Submit an Application for Student Teaching in the year prior to student teaching.
5. Be recommended by the faculty of the school in which the student has a major.
6. Successfully complete the Student Teaching Interview.
7. Have the professional portfolio approved at the end of methods course(s).

Grades of "C-" or above must be earned in all professional education courses and all noneducation courses required for the major. Students with a GPA of less than 2.0 are ineligible to enroll in any education course without the written approval of the School of Education Dean.

Pass Rates on Required Licensure Tests

Fifty traditional students completed the undergraduate teacher preparation program during the 2007-2008 year. All candidates passed the required basic skills and content area tests for licensure in Indiana. The current pass rate at Bethel College is 100%.

NOTE: All tests required for teacher certification must be passed prior to graduation for education majors.

Teacher Education Programs

Bethel College offers state and NCATE accredited programs leading to standard (initial) licensure. The following list indicates the areas that licensure is available, the magnitude of the program (major, minor, endorsement) and the school levels of licensure. Students who seek licensure in

Indiana are advised that, in addition to completion of one or more of these programs, they must achieve satisfactory scores on the Praxis I and Praxis II prior to licensing.

The Education Resource Center (ERC) in Bowen Library is a methods and materials support center. More information is available on page 11.

Licensure Area	School Level
Majors – BA	
Business (p. 117)	High School Middle School
Elementary (p. 142)	Elementary
English Language Arts (p. 85)	High School Middle School
Health/Physical Education (p. 147)	All Grades Middle School/High School
Mathematics (p. 96)	High School Middle School
Music (p. 68)	
Instrumental/General	All Grades
Choral/General	All Grades
Choral/General/Instrumental	All Grades
Science (p.106)	High School Middle School
Social Studies (p. 133)	High School Middle School
Spanish	High School Middle School
Minors	
English Language Arts	Middle/High School
Mathematics	Middle/High School
Physics	Middle/High School
Science Education	Middle/High School
Endorsements	
Coaching	
Middle School Subject Areas	
Bachelor Degree	
Early Childhood (non-licensure)	Preschool
Associate Degree	
Early Childhood	Preschool

Coaching Endorsement

Core Requirements	HOURS
PHED 131 First Aid/CPR	0.5
PHED 269 Athletic Training	2
PHED 368 Psychology of Sport & Exercise	3
PHED 462 Physiology of Exercise, or	3
PHED 463 Kinesiology	(3)
Electives from:	8.5
(Minimum of 7 hours)	
PHED 358 Coaching of Gymnastics	(2)
PHED 359 Analysis of Coaching Individual Sports	(2)
PHED 360 Analysis of Coaching Baseball	(2)
PHED 361 Analysis of Coaching Basketball	(2)
PHED 362 Analysis of Coaching Soccer	(2)