

Key Certification Steps By Semester (Check with Education Adviser for Changes)

Freshman Year

- Take PSED 161 Foundations of Education
- Complete a reflective assessment in PSED 161
- Take 3 – 6 credits of English
- Earn an overall q.p.a. of 3.0 and major q.p.a. of 2.5 or higher
- Turn in a copy of your Act 151, Act 34 and FBI fingerprint check to the Prof. Ed. department secretary

Sophomore Year

- Take PSED 242 Educational Psychology and MCOM 262 Educational Communications
- Maintain a required q.p.a. in major and overall (3.0)
- Be sure ENGL 103 and one other English course is completed
- Pass Praxis I. Have copy sent to ESU and give a copy of scores to PSED office

Junior Year First Semester

- Sign up for a Prof. Ed. departmental screening interview
- In November attend a meeting to sign up for student teaching in fall of the senior year or attend the April meeting if you plan to student teach in spring
- Take REED 321 Teaching Reading in the Secondary Schools

Junior Year Second Semester

- Take PSED 436 Teaching of Math and PSED 420 Seminar I.
- Sign up for PSED 421 Seminar I in Secondary Education with secretary in PSED office, and Registrar.

Senior Year - Before you student teach

- Write autobiography for cooperating teacher.
- Take Praxis II Test, Have scores sent to ESU and give a copy to PSED secretary. Check to be sure you are taking the appropriate test for Pennsylvania certification, as well as any other states in which you wish to be certified)
- Take PSED 421 Seminar II
- Take tuberculosis test (Tine for PA; Mantoux for NJ) within 3 months of student teaching (can be done at campus infirmary)
- Secure liability insurance or plan to join PSEA/NEA at first practicum session (www.psea.org)
- Contact both cooperating teachers and meet to prepare for experience.
- Renew Clearances (Act 34/Act 151 and FBI fingerprint. Forms are in PSED office.)

Senior Year - Semester you are student teaching

- Set up credentials packet in the University Center.
- Review all general, professional and major requirements to ensure that you are ready for graduation. (At least 120 credits, qpa 3.0 or higher)

Senior Year - Complete Application for PA Certification

- Money order or certified check for \$40 made out to the Commonwealth of PA
- Physical (can be done at campus infirmary; must have evidence of TB test)
- Maintain required q.p.a. overall (3.0) and in your major (2.5)
- Recheck Praxis scores to be sure they still meet cutoff scores at certification time and were taken within last 5 years.
- Turn in all forms to Dean of College of Education's office in Rosenkrans