

English and Communications Education Checklist

The University of Pittsburgh, School of Education, offers two post-baccalaureate programs for English and Communications teacher certification. The two programs are a Professional Year/MEd (PY) Program and a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program. These programs provide qualified graduates in the English and Communications disciplines (comprehensive English, theatre arts, film media, and speech) with the opportunity to obtain a PA Instructional I Certificate in English and/or Communications Education for grades 7 through 12. Details are outlined below.

To be considered for admission, applicants need to have:

- Submitted a completed SOE application form and the application fee: www.education.pitt.edu/apply.
- Earned an undergraduate degree with a recommended GPA of 3.0. Applications from students who plan to earn their undergraduate degree before the term of admission will be considered.
- Submitted official transcripts from ALL institutions attended.
- Submitted copies of spring and summer registration forms as applicable.
- Completed the appropriate number of credit hours as required under the academic prerequisites (completion of only one - of four - available concentrations is necessary).
- Completed the appropriate number of credit hours as required under the education prerequisites.
- Submitted evidence of passing scores on the *Praxis I* Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST): reading, writing, and mathematics. For further information on the test series: <http://www.ets.org/praxis>.
- Submitted three letters of academic and/or professional recommendation.
- Submitted a thoughtful, clearly written goal statement of two to three double-spaced, typewritten pages.
- Submitted a resume.

MEETING OR EXCEEDING THE APPLICATION CRITERIA DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION.

The application deadline for both programs is **January 15** of the admission year. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admission and Enrollment Services at: 412.648.2230 or soeinfo@pitt.edu.

Professional Year/MEd (PY) Program:

- Satisfies the requirements for a PA Instructional I Certificate in English Education (pending passing scores on the national Praxis I & II exams, successful completion of the PA Statewide Evaluation Form for Student Professional Knowledge and Practice (PDE 430), and satisfactory performance in courses and student teaching).
- Is completed in two terms, fall and spring, of 15 credit hours each.
- Requires ten hours a week at a local school district in the fall term and a full-time student teaching experience at the same site in the spring term.*
- Contains 18 credits which can be applied within three years towards a Master of Education (MEd) degree.
- Students may apply for financial aid.

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program:

- Requires Interns to take and pass the English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge test during the first summer of their program in order to obtain their Intern Certificate.
- Satisfies the requirements for a PA Instructional I Certificate in English Education (pending passing scores on the national Praxis I & II exams, successful completion of the PA Statewide Evaluation Form for Student Professional Knowledge and Practice (PDE 430), and satisfactory performance in courses and in the internship).
- Is completed in 12 months (summer II, fall, spring, summer I) beginning in June of the admission year.
- Consists of graduate coursework in combination with an internship in a local school district from Sept. to June.*
- Students may apply for financial aid.

*Compliance with all federal and PA state clearances is required before entering schools.

Academic Prerequisites (33 credits)
Comprehensive English Concentration

Area 1: Literature (12 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			American Literature	3
			Shakespeare	3
			Minority Literature <i>OR</i> Literature by and about Women	3
			World Literature <i>OR</i> British Literature	3
Area 2: Composition and Language Studies (6 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
ENGCMP 1551 <i>OR</i> ENGCMP 1552			History & Politics of the English Language <i>OR</i> Uses of Literacy	3
			Advanced Writing	3
Area 3: Related Area Studies (6 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Communication Studies <i>OR</i> Theater Arts	3
			Film studies course	3
Area 4: English Electives (9 credits minimum; at least 3 credits must be an advanced level course). Courses may include Literature, Composition, and Writing Literacy.				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Course 1	3
			Course 2	3
			Course 3	3

Academic Prerequisites (33 credits)
Communication - Theater Arts Concentration

Area 1: Basic Courses (15 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Acting and Performance	3
			Theater History/Dramatic Literature	3
			Theater Design/Stage Craft	3
			Theater Production Practicum	3
			Directing	3
Area 2: Related Area Studies (15 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			American Literature	3
			Shakespeare	3
			Minority Literature <i>OR</i> Literature by and about Women	3
			World Literature <i>OR</i> British Literature	3
			Film studies course	3
Area 3: Language Studies (3 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
ENGCMP 1551 <i>OR</i> ENGCMP 1552			History & Politics of the English Language <i>OR</i> Uses of Literacy	3

Academic Prerequisites (36 credits)
Communication – Film Media Concentration

Area 1: Film Studies: History, Theory, Analysis (12 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Film Analysis	3
			Course 2	3
			Course 3	3
			Course 4	3
Area 2: Production Courses (9 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Film Production	3
			Video Production	3
			Photography	3
Area 3: Literature Studies (12 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			American Literature	3
			Shakespeare	3
			Minority Literature <i>OR</i> Literature by and about Women	3
			World Literature <i>OR</i> British Literature	3
Area 4: Language Studies (3 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
ENGCMP 1551 <i>OR</i> ENGCMP 1552			History & Politics of the English Language <i>OR</i> Uses of Literacy	3

Academic Prerequisites (33 credits)
Communication – Speech Concentration

Area 1: Basic Courses (15 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Rhetorical Studies/Communication Studies	9
			Performance and Speech Courses	6
Area 2: Related Area Studies (15 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Film studies course	3
			American Literature	3
			Shakespeare	3
			Minority Literature <i>OR</i> Literature by and about Women	3
			World Literature <i>OR</i> British Literature	3
Area 4: Language Studies (3 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
ENGCMP 1551 <i>OR</i> ENGCMP 1552			History & Politics of the English Language <i>OR</i> Uses of Literacy	3

Education Prerequisites

For Professional Year/MEd (PY) students, the four education prerequisites must be taken prior to the fall term of the PY program. Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) students must complete the two educational prerequisites prior to the summer II term of the MAT program.

The following approved clearances are required before taking Introduction to Inquiry and English/Communications Education: Federal Criminal History Record, Act 34 – PA State Police Criminal Record Check, and Act 33/151 PA Child Abuse History. Forms may be obtained in 5300 Wesley Posvar Hall, or from our clearances information page.

Course No.	MAT	GR	PY
ADMPS 1001 (UG) / EDUC 2100 (G)	Social Foundations of Education <i>(UG only for MAT students).</i>		Social Foundations of Education / Education and Society <i>(UG or G levels accepted as prereq for PY/MEd students*).</i>
PSYED 1001 (UG) / EDUC 2000 (G) -----	Educational Psychology <i>(UG only for MAT students)</i> ----- OR Equivalent: PSYED 1003; PSY 0405; PSY 0420; PSY 0421		Educational Psychology / Psychology of Learning and Development for Ed. <i>(UG or G levels accepted as prereq for PY/MEd students*)</i> ----- OR Equivalent: PSYED 1003; PSY 0405; PSY 0420; PSY 0421; PSYED 2127
IL 1230	NOT A PREREQ FOR MAT		Introduction to Inquiry in English Education
IL 1580	NOT A PREREQ FOR MAT		Foundations of Special Education

* If taken at the graduate level can be used toward the MEd after completion of the PY program.

Professional Year (PY) Instructional I Certificate Option

Fall Term

IL 2520	Literacy Assessment & Instruction for Children w/Disabilities in Inclusive Settings in Secondary Classrooms	3 credits
IL 2720	Practicum in English or Communication Education	3 credits
IL 2233	Teaching Writing	3 credits
IL 2234	Teaching Literature and Media	3 credits
IL 2725	Teaching Lab – English or Communication Education	3 credits

Spring Term

IL 2502	Students with Disabilities in Secondary Classrooms	3 credits
IL 2245	Advanced Methods in English Ed	3 credits
IL 2257	Teaching English Language Learners	3 credits
IL 2824	Student Teaching Seminar in English or Communications Education	1 credits
IL 2820	Student Teaching - English or Communications Education	5 credits

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Option

Summer Session II

IL 2500	Foundations of Special Education	3 credits
IL 2230	Introduction to Inquiry in English Education	3 credits
IL 2725	Teaching Lab – English or Communication Education	3 credits

Fall Term

IL 2234	Teaching Literature and Media	3 credits
IL 2233	Teaching Writing	3 credits
IL 2257	Teaching English Language Learners	3 credits
IL 2520	Literacy Assessment & Instruction for Children w/Disabilities in Inclusive Settings in Secondary Classrooms	3 credits
IL 2881	Internship – English or Communications Education	3 credits

Spring Term

EDUC 2200	Disciplined Inquiry	3 credits
IL 2248	Special Topics in Language and Literacy	1 credits
IL 2245	Advanced Methods in English Ed.	3 credits
IL 2502	Students with Disabilities in Secondary Classrooms	3 credits
IL 2881	Internship – English or Communications Education	5 credits

Summer Session I

IL 2990	Research Seminar for MAT Interns	3 credits
IL 2881	Internship – English or Communications Education	6 credits

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