

English and Communications Education Checklist

The University of Pittsburgh, School of Education, offers two post-baccalaureate programs for Secondary English and Communications teacher certification (grades 7-12). The two are a Professional Year (PY) Program and a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program. Certification Studies are available in Comprehensive English and in three areas of Communication – Theater Arts Concentration, Film Media Concentration, and Speech Concentration. Certification in more than one English or Communication area is also available. Details are outlined below.

To be considered for admission, applicants need to have:

- submitted a completed School of Education application form and the application fee
- earned an undergraduate degree with a minimum QPA 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 a copy of the spring registration form if enrolled in spring term courses
- completed the appropriate number of prerequisite credit hours in Academic Prerequisites
- completed the appropriate number of prerequisite credit hours in Chapter 354.23 Prerequisites
- completed the appropriate number of prerequisite credit hours in Education Prerequisites
- submitted evidence of passing scores on the PRAXIS I test series (reading, writing, and mathematics)
- 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 resumé

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 Admission and Enrollment Services office at 412-648-2230.

Professional Year (PY) Program

- satisfies the requirements for a Pennsylvania 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 one day 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 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 Pennsylvania 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 (or two terms and two summer sessions) beginning in June of the admission year
- consists of graduate course work combined with a maximum 4.5 day per week internship in a local school district from September through June
- students may apply for financial aid

Compliance with all Federal and PA state clearances is required before entering schools. Information on how to obtain these clearances is available at www.education.pitt.edu/clearances.

Apply Online at www.education.pitt.edu/apply

DEPARTMENT OF INSTRUCTION AND LEARNING

Student _____ Date _____ QPA _____

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
			Linguistic Structures of English <i>OR</i> Uses of Literacy <i>OR</i> History & Development of the English Language	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
			Topics in Contemporary Cinema (New Media) <i>OR</i> Film Analysis	3
Area 4: Advanced Courses (9 credits minimum)				
Advanced courses in Literature, Composition, Writing Literacy, and other related English fields				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Course 1	3
			Course 2	3
			Course 3	3

Academic Prerequisites (39 credits) – Communication – Theater Arts Concentration

Area 1: Basic Courses (21 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Acting and Performance	3
			Theater History/Dramatic Literature	6
			Theater Design/Stage Craft	6
			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
			Topics in Contemporary Cinema (New Media) <i>OR</i> Film Analysis	3
Area 3: Language Studies (3 credits minimum)				
Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Linguistic Structures of English <i>OR</i> Uses of Literacy <i>OR</i> History and Development of the English Language	3

Academic Prerequisites (36 credits) – Communication – Film Media Concentration

Area 1: Film Studies: History, Theory, Analysis (12 credits)			
Course No.	Course Title	GR	Credits
			Topics in Contemporary Cinema (New Media) OR Film Analysis
			3
			Course 2
			3
			Course 3
			3
			Course 4
			3
Area 2: Production Courses (9 credits)			
Course No.	Course Title	GR	Credits
			Film Production
			3
			Video Production
			3
			Photography
			3
Area 3: Literature Studies (12 credits)			
Course No.	Course Title	GR	Credits
			American Literature
			3
			Shakespeare
			3
			Minority Literature OR Literature by and about women
			3
			World Literature OR British Literature
			3
Area 4: Language Studies (3 credits)			
Course No.	Course Title	GR	Credits
			Linguistics Structures of English OR Uses of Literacy OR History and Development of the English Language
			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: Field Courses (3 credits minimum)			
Course No.	Course Title	GR	Credits
			Topics in Contemporary Cinema (New Media) OR Film Analysis
			3
Area 3: Literature Studies (12 credits minimum)			
Course No.	Course Title	GR	Credits
			American Literature
			3
			Shakespeare
			3
			Minority Literature OR Literature by and About Women
			3
			World Literature OR British Literature
			3
Area 4: Language Studies (3 credits minimum)			
Course No.	Course Title	GR	Credits
			Linguistic Structures of English OR Uses of Literacy OR History and Development of the English Language
			3

Chapter 354.23 Prerequisites

Section 354.23 of the Pennsylvania Department of Education teacher certification requirements states that all prospective candidates must take at least 6 semester hour credits in college level English and 6 semester hour credits in college level Mathematics with a grade of C or better.

Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			College Level English Composition (or the equivalent*)	3
			College Level American or British Literature (or the equivalent*)	3
			College Level Mathematics (or the equivalent*)	3
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*SAT II writing subject test score of 600 or above satisfies the three credit English composition requirement.

*A Math SAT II score of 560 or above, or a college or university Algebra Placement Test, or the successful completion of an Advanced Placement Mathematics class that appears on your institution's transcript, satisfies three credits of the Math requirement.

Education Prerequisites

For Professional Year (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. MAT students may take Introduction to Inquiry in English Education prior to beginning the 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
	Course Title		Course Title
	Social Foundations of Education OR Equivalent		Social Foundations of Education OR Equivalent
	Educational Psychology OR Equivalent		Educational Psychology OR Equivalent
			Introduction to Inquiry in English Education (IL 1230/2230)
			Foundations of Special Education (IL1580/2500)

Professional Year (PY) Instructional I Certificate Option

Fall Term

IL 2523	Literacy Assessment	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	Advanced Methods in English Ed	3 credits
IL 2257	Teaching English Language Learners	3 credits
IL 2824	Student Teaching Seminar English or Communications	1 credits
IL 2820	Student Teaching English or Communications	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 (if not taken)	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 2523	Literacy Assessment	3 credits
IL 2881	Internship English/Comm. Education	3 credits

Spring Term

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

Summer Session I

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

**For further information concerning program offerings,
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