

## Dual Elementary/Foreign Language Education Checklist

The University of Pittsburgh, School of Education, offers a dual Elementary and Foreign Language Education Program at the post-baccalaureate level that leads to certification in both Elementary Education and Foreign Language Education (grades K-12). This program consists of a Professional Year (PY) Program with an MEd option. A student may have any undergraduate major as long as the courses required for admission into this certification program have been completed. In Foreign Language Education, certification studies are available in French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, or Latin. Native speakers of the language of certification are not exempt from prerequisite course work in the culture, civilization literature, and structure of their language. Applicants who are non-native speakers of the language of certification are also required to submit results of an oral proficiency interview by an individual certified by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. 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
- a rating of *Advanced-Low* or above in an ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) in the language of certification (for an interview, call ACTFL headquarters at 1-800-486-8444)
- 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 is January 15 of the admission year. Applicants should meet with the pre-admission advisor (412-648-2230) before making formal application to the program.

### Professional Year (PY) Program

- satisfies the requirements for a Pennsylvania Instructional I Certificate in both Elementary Education and Foreign Language 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 and in summer session (eight credits)
- 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 but are not eligible for stipends from local school districts

### MEd Option

Work toward a Master of Education (MEd) degree is combined with study for teacher certification. Individuals who wish to pursue this degree take 18 additional credits beyond the 38 credits of certification course work. These credits include course work in the Basic Areas of Education (9 credits), a Research Seminar course (3 credits), Elementary Education Elective (3 credits), and a Foreign Language Elective (3 credits). Individuals in this program must complete the curriculum requirements and successfully pass the Master's Comprehensive Examination prior to receiving the MEd degree.

*Compliance with all PA background clearance regulations as indicated on the website [www.pde.state.pa.us](http://www.pde.state.pa.us) is required before entering schools. Information is also available at [www.education.pitt.edu](http://www.education.pitt.edu).*

**Elementary Academic Prerequisites (21 credits)**

CourseNo.	Course Title	✓		Credits
			Children’s Literature	3
			Art or Music (not studio or performance)	3
			Science Laboratory or Field Course (preferably an Environmental Studies focus)	3
			American History	3
			Child Development (must include a Language Development emphasis)	3
IL 1473			Math for Elementary Teachers	3
HPA 1491			Health and Wellness Physical Education (must emphasize Wellness)	3

**Foreign Language Academic Prerequisites (30 credits)**

Minimum of 30 credits above the intermediate level in French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, or Latin. These credits should be distributed over Areas 1 and 2 as described below.

**Area 1: Languages and Linguistics (12-18 credits)**

CourseNo.	Course Title	✓		Credits
			Conversation and Advanced Conversation (Native speakers are not expected to take conversation courses and should substitute other language and linguistic courses)	
			Composition Writing	
			Stylistics	
			Phonetics	
			Grammar	
			Syntax	
			Structure of the Language	
			Dialects	
			Morphology	
			Listening Comprehension	
			Advanced Reading (not literature courses)	
			Professional Translation (only one course accepted)	
			History of the Language	
			Introduction to Linguistics (may be taught in English)	

**Area 2: Literature and Culture (12-18 credits)**

CourseNo.	Course Title	✓		Credits
			Civilization I and II	
			Major Cultural Periods	
			Cultural Heritage Courses	
			Literature Surveys	
			Author Courses	
			Genre Courses	
			Literary Period Courses	
			Cultural Period Courses	
			Thematically-based literature courses (e.g. Francophone, Africana Literature, Women Authors from the Middle Ages to the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century, Scientific Discourse in Italian Literature)	

**Latin (30 credits above intermediate Latin)**

Area 1				
CourseNo.	Course Title	✓		Credits
			Roman Civilization	
			Latin Prose Composition	
Area 2: Electives (at least eight 3-credit hour courses above intermediate Latin)				
CourseNo.	Course Title	✓		Credits

### 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.

\*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.

Course No.	Course Title	✓		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
			College Level Mathematics (or the equivalent*)	3

### Education Prerequisites

The three education prerequisites must be taken prior to the fall term of the PY program.

Evidence of a clear Act 33/151-PA Child Abuse History Clearance form and a clear Act 34-PA State Police Criminal Record Check form is required before taking Introduction to Elementary Education or Introduction to Foreign Language Education. Forms may be obtained in 5300 Wesley Posvar Hall.

Course No.	Course Title	✓		Credits
			Introduction to Elementary Education <i>OR</i> Introduction to Foreign Language Education	
			Social Foundations of Education <i>OR</i> Education and Society	
			Educational Psychology <i>OR</i> Adolescent Psychology <i>OR</i> Psychology of Learning <i>OR</i> Learning and Motivation <i>OR</i> Human Cognition and Learning	

## Curriculum for Dual Elementary/Foreign Language Certification (PY) and

### MEd with Elementary/Foreign Language Certification

*\*To add the Master of Education (MEd) degree to the certification program, students are required to complete 18 credits of graduate level courses in addition to the courses for certification listed below*

#### Summer II

IL 2727	Foreign Language Teaching Lab	3 credits
IL 2231	Reading & Language Arts in the Intermediate Grades	3 credits
IL 2270	Art & Music in the Elementary Schools (Can also be taken in the "J" Term)	2 credits

#### Fall Term

IL 2258	Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools & Practicum	3 credits
IL 2255	Techniques/Procedures – Foreign Language	3 credits
IL 2206	Reading & Language Arts in the Primary Grades	3 credits
IL 2475	Elementary Mathematics Methods	3 credits
IL 2420	Science and Technology in the Elementary Schools	3 credits

#### J Term (January)

IL 2501	Students with Disabilities in Elementary Classrooms	3 credits
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#### Spring Term

IL 2256	Issues in Foreign Language Education	3 credits
IL 2261	Social Studies and Technology in Elementary Schools	3 credits
IL 2801	Student Teaching & Seminar in the Elementary/Middle School	6 credits

#### M.Ed Option

*EDUC 2000	Psychology of Learning and Development for Educators	3 credits
*EDUC 2100	Education & Society	3 credits
*PSYED 2001	Introduction to Research	3 credits
*IL 2290	Research Seminar for MEd Students	3 credits
*IL	Elementary Education Elective	3 credits
*IL	Foreign Language Elective	3 credits

<p><b>For further information concerning program offerings, please contact:</b>                  Department of Instruction and Learning                  5300 Wesley W. Posvar Hall                  University of Pittsburgh                  Pittsburgh, PA 15260                  Telephone 412-624-7254</p>	<p><b>Application can be obtained from:</b>                  Student Service Center                  School of Education                  5500 Wesley W. Posvar Hall                  University of Pittsburgh                  Pittsburgh, PA 15260                  Telephone 412-648-2230                  or requested from our web site  <a href="http://www.education.pitt.edu">http://www.education.pitt.edu</a></p>
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