Secondary Education Minor

College of Education
Middle Tennessee State University

Beginning the Secondary Education Minor

Students seeking a teaching license at the secondary level must complete the Ready2Teach secondary education minor in addition to completing a major in the subject one plans to teach.

Students should take the first course (YOED 2500) in the secondary education minor during the second semester of one's sophomore year.

Admission to the Teacher Education Program is required for YOED 2500 and all following education courses.

Admission to Teacher Education Criteria

- 2.750 Inclusive GPA
- 45 Earned Hours
- Satisfactory Test Scores (visit www.mtsu.edu/education/admission.php to learn more about and review free test preparation resources for state required satisfactory test scores)
    - ACT (22),
    - SAT (1080),
    - Or passing Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test scores (Reading – 156, Writing – 162, Math – 150)

Apply to the Teacher Education Program

- The application to Teacher Education is an electronic application that can be accessed by visiting www.mtsu.edu/education/admission.php.
    - If you have specific application questions, contact Mr. Quinton Goodman at Quinton.Goodman@mtsu.edu. He receives and processes all applications and can be helpful when troubleshooting issues.
- Completed documents needed for application (all documents can be found at the bottom of www.mtsu.edu/education.admission.php). All documents must be scanned and saved as a PDF to be attached to the application. **Photo submissions of documents will not be accepted**!
    - Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights form
    - VECHS Waiver form
    - Three Recommendation forms
- Write a 300-word autobiography discussing your history, why you want to become a teacher, your personal goals professional aspirations, etc. This autobiography can be written in Microsoft Word or another processing program and then copied into the application.
- Complete a formal background check
    - Instructions for obtaining a fingerprinting and background can be found at the bottom of the College of Education's Admission to Teacher Education Program website: www.mtsu.edu/education/admission.php

Note: Tennessee Law requires all persons working in a child care environment-teachers, caregivers, student interns, tutors, and after school workers-to submit a fingerprint and background search before entering the school environment.

Applications cannot be processed until all of the documents listed above are submitted and admission cannot be granted until all requirements have been met.

Sequence of Courses in the Secondary Education Minor (Pre-Residency)

There are three pre-residency courses (YOED 2500, YOED 3000, YOED 3300) in the secondary education minor. The YOED 2500 course is a prerequisite for the other two. One cannot take YOED 3000/YOED 3300 until one has made a grade of B or better in YOED 2500.

Recommended sequence for taking the pre-residency courses:

YOED 2500 – Second semester sophomore year
YOED 3000 – First semester junior year
YOED 3300 – Second semester junior year

For those who enter the program late, YOED 3000 and YOED 3300 can be taken during the same semester. If one takes this route, one should be alert to the fact that this would require two separate field placements in two different schools during that semester.

Schedule of Course Offerings

YOED 2500 - Offered in the fall, spring and summer semesters
YOED 3000 – Offered each fall and spring
YOED 3300 – Offered each fall and spring

Field placements for YOED 3000 and YOED 3300 require that students assume full or partial control of a public school classroom, so those courses must be taken while public schools are in session.

Sequence of Courses in the Secondary Education Minor (Residency)

There are two Residency semesters that will be the student's final two semesters of their senior year (Residency I, Residency II). During Residency I, students will be in a public school two days during the week. During Residency II, students will follow the teacher of record and assigned school's schedule.

Residency I

Students seeking 7 – 12 certification - YOED 4030 (9 hours)
Students seeking K – 12 certification - YOED 4020 (6 hours)
MTeach students - YOED 4040 (4 hours)

Residency II

All students - YOED 4400

***Grade Expectations*:** Students must earn a B or higher in YOED 2500, YOED 3000, YOED 3300 and Residency I.

Required Exams for State Teaching License

Along with meeting other requirements, applicants seeking initial licensure or additional endorsements must submit qualifying scores on all required content assessments developed and administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), National Evaluation Services (NES), or the Tennessee Language Center.

Additionally, individuals applying for initial licensure are required to submit a qualifying score on the applicable edTPA as noted in Professional Assessments Policy 5.105.