



**MOUNT MARY COLLEGE
POST BACCALAUREATE EDUCATION
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

The Post-Baccalaureate Education Certification Program is designed for men and women with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university who wish to earn Wisconsin teaching certification in one of the following certification areas:

Elementary:

Early Childhood/Middle Childhood (approximate grades PreK-6)

Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence (approximate grades 1-8)

Available minors (required for MC/EA, optional for EC/MC): Spanish, Bilingual Spanish, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, English

Secondary:

Art Education (approximate grades PreK-12)

Biology Education (approximate grades 6-12)

Broad Field Science – Biology Education (approximate grades 6-12)

Broad Field Science – Chemistry Education (approximate grades 6-12)

Broad Field Language Arts Education (Journalism and/or Communication minors)
(approximate grades 6-12)

Broad Field Social Studies Education (approximate grades 6-12)

Chemistry Education (approximate grades 6-12)

English Education (approximate grades 6-12)

History Education (approximate grades 6-12)

Mathematics Education (approximate grades 6-12)

Spanish Education (approximate grades PreK-12)

The Theology department offers a major and a minor in religious studies. However, the state of Wisconsin as of 2004 does not certify teachers through a religious studies program. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee endorses religious studies teachers who have completed an approved college program for the Catholic Schools.

Masters Program

The post baccalaureate program is designed as a Certification to Masters program. Some of the certification requirements are fulfilled through graduate coursework that can transfer into the graduate program. Students who wish to obtain a masters degree may apply to the graduate program when they are nearing completion of their initial certification.

Certification Requirements

Certification requirements can be found at www.mymountmary.edu under Academics in the Undergraduate Course Catalog under Education and Mathematics Division.

Fieldwork/Student Teaching

All students need to fulfill approximately 100 hours of fieldwork prior to student teaching. Most of this requirement can be fulfilled through the student's coursework.

Student teaching is full-time for one semester. Students have two placements that match the areas of certification and are in the schools all day, every day, for a full semester.

Students who are employed in a school system may apply to student teach on-the-job. Permission is dependent on recommendations, availability of a mentor who meets the WDPI requirements and availability of appropriate grade level/content area.

Length of Program

It is possible to finish the education coursework in two calendar years, including summers. However, depending on which certification/minor area a student selects compared to their previously completed coursework, a student may need to take a variety of other general education/content area courses. The Education Department can evaluate a student's transcripts to provide a more accurate estimate of the exact number of courses a student needs to complete along with an approximate timeline.

Admission to the Education Department

Students will be sent application materials during their first semester. It is essential that the students gather the necessary documents to meet requirements as soon as they decide to enter the program. Students in the Post-Baccalaureate Certification Program may take several education courses prior to full admission the Department of Education although full admission is required to progress through the program.

Praxis Exams

The PPST (Praxis I) exam must be taken or registered for prior to or during the Orientation to Teaching course. Passing scores on all three sections (reading, writing, mathematics) must be on file in the Education Office in order to be allowed to proceed with EDU courses at the 300 and

above levels. The Praxis II (content knowledge) exam must be successfully completed a full semester before the student teaching semester.

Tuition, Scholarships & Financial Aid

Download the current tuition and fees brochure from our Web site at <http://www.mtmary.edu/tuition.htm>.

Upon acceptance Post-Baccalaureate education students automatically receive an academic scholarship based on their previous coursework. Students must attend classes at Mount Mary full-time to receive the scholarship. Although most post-baccalaureate students complete their certificate part-time, if a student does go full-time at any point during the program (including student teaching), the student will receive his/her scholarship. Scholarship information and amounts are posted online at <http://www.mtmary.edu/scholarships.htm>.

All Mount Mary College students are encouraged to apply for financial aid. Students should file their FAFSA as soon as possible to receive the most financial aid. You can apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Mount Mary's school code is 003869. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits in order to receive undergraduate financial aid.

Application Steps

In order to apply to the post-baccalaureate education program, please complete the following steps.

- Complete the Mount Mary College *undergraduate* application form online at <http://www.mtmary.edu/apply.htm>.
- Submit official copies of your transcripts from any colleges or universities you have attended.
- File for financial aid (if applicable).
- Meet with Cindy Keller – see below.

More Information

For more information or to have a free evaluation of transcripts (unofficial or official) done for informational purposes, please contact the Education Department.

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