

Education and Special Education

Contact the Director of Education for additional information.

Siena Heights University is approved by the Michigan Department of Education and has been approved to serve as an education preparation institution (EPI).

Through rigorous academic study, an abundance of hours of classroom field experiences (over 250 clock hours), active participation in the performing and visual arts, thorough pedagogical and methodological coursework, and continuous self-assessment and reflection, the philosophy of teaching as an art and a science is put into practice.

Siena Heights has been authorized by the Michigan Department of Education to offer majors and minors in the following program/content areas:

Teacher Certification Approved Program Areas

Majors/Endorsements

- Biology (secondary)
- Chemistry (secondary)
- Child Development (elementary)/ZS Endorsement
- Comprehensive Major (elementary)
- English
- History
- Integrated Science (elementary)
- Language Arts (elementary)
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Special Education (LD/CI endorsement K-12)
- Visual Arts (K-12)

Minors/Endorsements

- Biology (secondary)
- Chemistry (secondary)
- Computer Information Systems
- English
- History
- Language Arts (elementary)
- Mathematics
- Physical Education (pending)
- Planned Program (elementary)
- Spanish

Michigan State Teacher Competency Tests

Public Act 282 requires that teacher education students pass state teacher competency tests in professional readiness exam (reading, writing, mathematics) and in their subject matter areas. It is the policy of the Siena Heights University Education Program that these tests should all be passed prior to registering for directed teaching. These tests are given five times each year at ten different sites. Additional information about specific tests may be obtained from Siena Heights University's Education Program or the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification website www.MTTC.NESINC.com

First Aid and CPR

In order to be certified, new teachers must possess a valid certificate of course completion for first aid training that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). This training may be from the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, Medic First Aid (MFA), American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI), or from a comparable organization approved by the Michigan Department of Education www.Michigan.gov/MDE .

Title II of the Higher Education Act Requirements

A student is considered a “completer” of Siena Heights Education Program when he/she has completed all the requirements for Siena Heights University and has taken and passed all the relevant state certification tests. Siena Heights Annual Institutional Report verifies a 100 percent pass rate for all program completers.

Legal Status of Teacher Education Candidates

Candidates for teacher certification need to be aware that conviction as an adult for a felony or a misdemeanor may be grounds for denial of a school field placement, student teaching placement, and/or Michigan teaching certificate. Falsifying records requesting this information is automatic grounds for denial of any of the above.

"D" or "E" Grades

No grade of "D" or "E" will be allowed for the purpose of certification in any course required in the students' academic majors, minors, or the Professional Education Sequence. In such cases, the courses must either be retaken or substitutions must be made. In cases of substitutions, written permission must be obtained from the program coordinator in the major or minor fields. No substitutions will be allowed in the Professional Education Sequence.

Admission to Teacher Education Program

For criteria regarding candidacy and full acceptance into the Education Program, please see the Education Program Handbook.

Education**Elementary Teacher Education Core Requirements**

This program is designed for those students interested in teaching kindergarten through fifth grade (all subjects) and their major/minor academic areas in grades 6 through 8.

I.	Course Requirements			
	A.	Teacher Education Requirements		37-40 semester hours
		1.	*EDU 201 Principles of Teaching in School and Society	3
		2.	EDU 301 Perspectives in American Education	3
		3.	EDU 312 Exceptional Children and Youth in the Regular Classroom	3
		4.	EDU 321 Technology for Educators	3
		5.	EDU 330 Developmental Reading	3
		6.	EDU 334 Strategies for Teaching Reading	3
		7.	EDU 349 Culture and Diversity in Schools	3
		8.	EDU 351 Educational Psychology	3
		9.	*EDU 371 Elementary Core Methods	4
		10.	*EDU 480 Directed Teaching: Elementary	7-10
		11.	*EDU 495 Directed Teaching Seminar: Elementary	2

*Denotes those courses which are required to be taken in residence at the Siena Heights University Adrian campus. EDU 480 is a residency requirement and all student teaching placements should be made in Lenawee, Hillsdale or Monroe counties.

- II. Grade Point Average Requirement
Students must earn a 3.0 grade point average in their education courses and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 at the time of application for student teaching.
- III. The Michigan Teacher Certification Regulations require that students take forty (40) semester hours of general or liberal education. These courses are intended to serve the same purpose as Siena Heights University's Liberal Arts Studies, that is, to ensure that a prospective teacher has some background in each of the traditional academic disciplines.
- IV. Because of the multiple course requirements in this program, students should plan on earning a minimum of 130-140 semester hours. Students may want to consider the following options: (1) taking 5 years to complete the degree; (2) going to summer school; (3) taking 18 hours several semesters.
- V. Concentration in Religious Studies 12 semester hours
A. The Religious Studies concentration is designed specifically for students seeking certification in education and/or public service. This twelve hour stand-alone concentration is for the student who wishes to add value to their major and to their life-long learning.
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| 1. | RST 301 | Theological Inquiry | 3 |
| 2. | RST 314 | World Religions | 3 |
| 3. | RST 372 | Methods in Teaching Religion | 3 |
| 4. | One of the following electives: | | 3 |
| | RST 302 | Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures | |
| | RST 303 | Introduction to Christian Scriptures | |
| | RST 305 | Theological Ethics | |
| | RST 410 | Peacemaking | |
- VI. Other Requirements
1. Please see additional information on the Education and Special Education page.

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Elementary Teacher Certification

Option 1: Academic Major and Planned Minor

I.	Choose one of the following approved academic majors	40-47 semester hours
	A. Integrated Science	
	B. Language Arts	
	C. Mathematics	
	D. Social Studies	
II.	Elementary Planned Minor	
	A. Course Requirements	30 semester hours
	1. ART 352 Art in the Elementary School	3
	2. EDU 211 Health and Movement	3
	3. EDU 360 Education Practicum	3
	4. LAN 341 Integrated Language Arts	3
	5. MAT 150 Math for Elementary Teachers I*	2
	6. MAT 151 Math for Elementary Teachers II*	2
	7. MSC 214 Music Activities for Children	2
	8. NSC 371 Science in the Elementary School	3
	9. SST 344 Social Studies in the Elementary Classroom	3
	10. #TSC 343 Teaching Creative Dramatics	3
	11. — — World Language	4
III.	Total for Major	40-47 semester hours
IV.	Total for Minor	30 semester hours
V.	Liberal Arts	32 semester hours
	# May be double counted toward Major and Liberal Arts Requirements.	
VI.	Education Core	37-40 semester hours
VII.	Total for Degree	137-147 semester hours

Option 2: Comprehensive Elementary Education Major with Endorsement in Child Development, Spanish, or Special Education (LD or CI).

I.	Course Requirements for Major	49 semester hours
	A. Program Requirements	
	1. ART 352 Art in the Elementary School	3
	2. EDU 211 Health and Movement	3
	3. EDU 360 Education Practicum	3
	4. ENG 113 Introduction to Literature	
	or	3
	ENG 225 Intro to Children's Literature	
	5. ENG 221 English Grammar	3
	6. #ENV 110 Introduction to Environmental Studies	
	or	4
	#BIO 141 Basic Concepts of the Cell	
	7. HIS 102 Turning Points in History	
	or	3
	HIS 211 U.S. History	

8.	#MAT 143	Statistics and Society	3
	or		
	#MAT 174	Data Analysis and Statistics	
9.	MAT 150	Math for Elementary Teachers I	2
10.	MAT 151	Math for Elementary Teachers II	2
11.	MSC 214	Music Activities for Children	2
12.	NSC 371	Science in the Elementary School	3
13.	PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
14.	SST 344	Social Studies in the Elementary Classroom	3
15.	TSC 341	Integrated Language Arts	3
16.	TSC 201	Speech for Teachers	3
17.	#TSC 343	Teaching Creative Dramatics	3
B. Total for Major			49 semester hours
II.	Endorsement Requirements for either CDV, SED or SPA		21-41 semester hours
III.	Liberal Arts # May be double counted toward Major and Liberal Arts Requirements.		22-35 semester hours
IV.	Education Core		37-40 semester hours
V.	Total for Degree		129-165 semester hours
VI.	Other Requirements		
1.	Please see additional information on the Education and Special Education page.		

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Secondary Teacher Education Core Requirements

I. This program is designed for students interested in teaching their major and minor in grades 6 through 12.

A.	Teacher Education Course Requirements	38-41 semester hours
1.	*EDU 201 Principles of Teaching in School and Society	3
2.	EDU 301 Perspectives in American Education	3
3.	EDU 312 Exceptional Children and Youth in the Regular Classroom	3
4.	EDU 321 Technology for Educators	3
5.	EDU 335 Content Area Reading	3
6.	EDU 349 Culture and Diversity in Schools	3
7.	EDU 351 Educational Psychology	3
8.	*EDU 360 Education Practicum (Usually taken the same semester as EDU 372)	3
9.	*EDU 372 Secondary Methods	3
10.	*___ 372 Secondary Methods (taught by department in which student is majoring or minoring)	2
11.	*EDU 480 Directed Teaching: Secondary	7-10
12.	*EDU 495 Directed Teaching Seminar: Secondary	2

B. Other Requirements

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