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Temporary Authorization Certificate (TAC) - Special Education

PROGRAM TIMELINE

Before Admission

- > [Read through EVERYTHING on the UMSL TAC - Special Education webpage](#)
- > Email COE Academic Advisor expressing interest in TAC - Secondary Education
 - * Last names **A - L**: Sam Al-Nimri, s.al-nimri@umsl.edu
 - * Last names **M - Z**: Jayne Howard, jayne.howard@umsl.edu
- > [Read through EVERYTHING on the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(DESE\) Temporary Authorization Information webpage, then follow the steps to make an account and complete the TAC application](#)
 - * For help, contact DESE at certification@dese.mo.gov
- > [Complete the UMSL Graduate School application](#)
 - * GRE scores and letters of recommendation are NOT required for the TAC
 - * In the **Statement of Purpose** section- write "TAC"
 - * In the **Area of Interest** section-
 - ** for Graduate Degree select **Master's Program**
 - ** for Academic Program select **Education MED**
 - ** for Emphasis Area select **Interdisciplinary Studies Temp Auth Cert**
- > [Apply for financial aid via FASFA \(if desired\); for help, contact Student Financial Services](#)

After Admission

- > Follow the steps from the Graduate School to set up your UMSL email
 - * *ALL communication from/to UMSL will now come through this account*
- > Email your UMSL COE Academic Advisor to enroll in courses (*they enroll you every term*)

PLAN OF STUDY *(Example)*

Term	Course Number	Course Title	Instn	Offered	Rcmnd
Year One					
> ATTEMPT the two required Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments (MEGA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 050 Mild/Moderate Cross Categorical Special Education * 063 Professional Knowledge: Secondary * <i>NOTE: After June 23, 2024 Missouri will be changing teacher certification assessment platforms. Starting July 01, 2024 students will take the Praxis. A passed MOCA will remain valid for teacher certification if taken before June 23, 2024.</i> 					
> Take NINE or more credit hours of TAC coursework: earn a 'C' or better in each course; maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>Recommended six credit hours each semester (fall, spring, AND summer)</i> 					
> Work as Teacher of Record in your subject area of certification for entire school year					

Fall Semester 1					
	ELE ED 6337	Teaching Reading and Writing <i>F. Methods of Teaching Reading</i>	UMSL	FS, SP, SS	FS1
	ELE ED 6246	Math Content Pedagogy, Inquiry-Based Instruction, and Assessment <i>H. Methods of Teaching Mathematics</i>	UMSL	FS, SP	FS1
Spring Semester 1					
	SPEC ED 6325	Positive Behavior Interventions for Individual, Classroom, & S-w Systems <i>B. Behavioral Management Techniques</i>	UMSL	FS, SP, SS	SP1
	SPEC ED 6412	Foundations of Inclusive Education <i>A. Psychology of the Exceptional Child</i>	UMSL	FS, SP, SS	SP1
Summer Semester 1					
> Apply through DESE for TAC year two; Send TAC year one transcripts to DESE					
	ED PSY 6222	Advanced Studies in Child and Adolescent Development <i>L. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent</i>	UMSL	FS, SP, SS	SS1
	TCH ED 6030	Instruction, Learning, and Assessment <i>C. Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement (to include Intelligence Testing)</i>	UMSL	FS, SP, SS	SS1
Year Two					
> Take NINE or more credit hours of TAC coursework: earn a 'C' or better in each course; maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA * <i>Recommended six credit hours each semester (fall, spring, AND summer)</i> > PASS the two required MEGA tests > Work as Teacher of Record in your subject area of certification for entire school year					
Fall Semester 2					
	SPEC ED 6315	Speech and Language Interventions for Children with Disabilities <i>K. Speech and Language Development of the Exceptional Child</i>	UMSL	FS, SP	FS2
	SPEC ED 6443	Characteristics and Education of Students with Learning Disabilities <i>E. Methods of Teaching Students with Cross Categorical Disabilities</i>	UMSL	FS	FS2
Spring Semester 2					
	SPEC ED 6346	Reading Instruction and Intervention in Special Education <i>G. Analysis and Correction of Reading Disabilities</i>	UMSL	SP	SP2
	ELE ED 6448	Diagnosis and Remediation of Disabilities in Learning Mathematics <i>I. Methods of Teaching Remedial Mathematics</i>	UMSL	SP	SP2
Summer Semester 2					
> Apply through DESE for TAC year three; Send TAC year two transcripts to DESE					
	ED PSY 6545	Consultation in Schools and Related Settings <i>J. Counseling Techniques or Collaboration with Family, School, and Community</i>	UMSL	FS, SS	SS2
	SPEC ED 6342	Advanced Transition Issues and Planning <i>D. Transition Processes, including Career Education or Career Readiness</i>	UMSL	SS	SS2
Year Three					
> Take all remaining TAC coursework: earn a 'C' or better in each course; maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA > Send final transcript(s) with all TAC courses to DESE > Apply for Missouri Teacher Certification - "Upgrade Professional"					
Fall Semester 3					
	TCH ED 6010	Examining History, Community and Social Justice in Education <i>M. Cultural Diversity</i>	UMSL	FS, SP, SS	FS3
Total: 39 Credit Hours					

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Term	Course Number	Course Title	Instn	Offered	Rcmnd
	TCH ED 6909	Teacher Action Research I	UMSL	FS, SP	SP2
	TCH ED 6910	Teacher Action Research Capstone	UMSL	FS, SP, SS	SP2

*Program coursework is subject to change due to Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education teacher certification requirements.

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