Post-Baccalaureate Secondary Licensure Track Requirements

The M.Ed. program has a track leading to secondary teacher licensure if the applicant has a bachelor’s degree in a subject taught in Utah secondary schools (a recognized major) from a regionally accredited university, has passed the Praxis II subject-area test, successfully completed a background check, and meets other M.Ed. admission requirements. For secondary students who have a minor in a subject area taught in secondary schools, they should also pass the Praxis II test in that area; by doing so, they will be deemed “highly qualified.”

Prerequisites for Seeking a Secondary Teaching License:
1. Bachelor’s degree in a recognized major with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
2. Pass the Praxis II—subject-area test
3. Admission process as outlined on pages 7-12 of the handbook.
4. A Utah State Office of Education (USOE) background check and acquisition of a CACTUS number from the state

Required Courses:

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<th>Foundations courses:</th>
<th>18 hours and a subject-area methods course required</th>
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<td>6110–Introduction to Classroom Management (3) or 6120-Advanced Classroom Management (3)</td>
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<td>6050–Curriculum Design, Evaluation, Assessment (3)</td>
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The following can be taken in any order:
6320–Content Area Literacy Instruction (3)  
6510–Foundations in Special Education (3)  
6020–Diversity in Education (2)  
6060–Instructional Strategies (2)  
6229-Instructional Technology for Pre-Service Teachers (2) [New course-2014/‘15 catalog]

*Teaching methods course(s) in subject area – required as part of the program of study.*

Mentoring and Supervision:

(These credits do not count towards a master’s degree but are part of the requirements for licensure.)

MED 6860–Practicum in Education (2)  
Complete a practicum of at least 60 clock hours in a school setting at least a semester prior to student teaching.

AND

MED 6880–Student Teaching in Secondary Education (6)  
Complete student teaching (all day for 50 days) with an assigned cooperating teacher.

Please note: Deadlines for applying for student teaching are in September for the following spring semester and in January for the following fall semester (yes, this is very early!). Coursework must be completed before student teaching.

Successfully completing coursework, practicum, Praxis subject test, and student teaching will result in a Utah Level 1 Teaching License as recommended by WSU.

Courses strongly recommended for Praxis Learning and Teaching test (which is required for a Level 2 license):
6030–Advanced Educational Psychology  
6010–Advanced Historical Foundations