

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Recommendation:

ELEMENTARY: To be recommended for a provisional elementary certificate, elementary education majors must successfully complete requirements for the B.S., complete the required courses in either one major or two minor endorsement areas, earn a minimum grade of 2.8 in EED455 or a 3.0 in TD555, and successfully pass the elementary education portion of the state MTTC exam. To be recommended for content area endorsements to the elementary education certificate, students must also successfully pass the subject area tests required by the state. Oakland requires that you pass the Professional Readiness Examination (PRE) and elementary education MTTC and one endorsement area MTTC.

SECONDARY: To be recommended for a provisional secondary certificate, STEP students must successfully complete requirements for the B.S., complete the required courses in one major and one minor endorsement area, earn a minimum grade of 2.8 in SED 455 or a 3.0 in TD 559, and successfully pass the state MTTC in Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) as well as in your major and minor subjects.

MODERN LANGUAGE: To be recommended for a provisional K-12 certificate, modern language education majors must successfully complete requirements for the B.S., complete the required courses in one major and one minor endorsement area, earn a minimum grade of 2.8 in SED 455 or a 3.0 in TD 559, and successfully pass the state MTTC in Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) as well as in your major and minor subjects.

ART: To be recommended for a provisional K-12 certificate, art education majors must successfully complete requirements for the B.S., complete the required courses in either one major or two minor areas, earn a minimum grade of 2.8 in AED 455, and successfully pass the Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) and Visual Arts Education state MTTC exam.

MUSIC: To be recommended for a provisional K-12 certificate, Music STEP students must successfully complete requirements for the B.S., complete the required courses in one major area, earn a minimum grade of 2.8 in SED 456, and successfully pass the state MTTC in Professional Readiness Examination as well as in your major and minor subjects.

ALL: The qualifying score on the subject area test for each teaching major and/or minor and for the Elementary Education Exam is 220. Self-registration booklets for the subject area and elementary tests (MTTC) are available online at <http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/>.

At the time of teacher certification, you must have a valid Adult and Child CPR and First Aid certificate.

Procedure: During the final semester at Oakland University, apply for graduation online. Know your deadline by checking the Office of the Registrar website.

After successful completion of student teaching, and the graduation audit, the Certification Officer will make a recommendation to the Michigan Department of Education that you receive a Provisional Teaching Certificate.

After student teaching is completed, there is an on-line application that needs to be completed using the MOECS system. You need to create an account with Michigan Education Information System (MEIS) account at <https://cepi.state.mi.us/MEISPublic/>. You will get a user ID, password, and account number to the E-mail address you provided.

Then next step is to use your MEIS ID and visit <http://www.michigan.gov/moeecs>. Sign in with your MEIS user ID and password. Follow the steps to self-register with MOECS. Complete the demographic information. Once you save it, there will be links on the left navigation panel. Choose the link that pertains to your new certificate and follow the steps to apply for your new certificate. Be sure to identify Oakland University as your institution. After you have applied, your application will be submitted to Oakland University. Applications will be reviewed and processed within 8 weeks from the date they are submitted to MOECS.

Once your application in MOECS has been approved, you will receive an E-mail with a link for you to pay Michigan Department of Education's fee on-line using a credit/debit card. If you do not receive the E-mail, you can still pay the fee by logging into MOECS using your user ID and password. After you pay the fee, the Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) at MDE will approve your new certificate. You will need to print it and get it notarized.

Continuing Certification

ELEMENTARY: The *Michigan Elementary Provisional Certificate* is valid for teaching all subjects in grades K-5, all subjects in self-contained classrooms for grades 6-8 in which a majority of the instruction is provided by one teacher, and in teaching majors and minors in departmentalized programs for grades 6-8.

SECONDARY: The *Michigan Secondary Provisional Certificate* is valid for teaching content area subjects in grades 6-12.

MODERN LANGUAGE: The *Michigan Secondary Provisional Certificate* is valid for teaching your language area K-12 and other content area subjects in grades 6-12.

ART: The *Michigan Provisional Certificate* is valid for teaching art in grades K-12.

MUSIC: The *Michigan Provisional Certificate* is valid for teaching music in grades K-12.

ALL: Provisional Certificates are valid for six years and automatically expire after the six years has lapsed. Certificates expire on June 30 so check the year you need to renew and have requirements set in place ahead of time.

Please keep bookmarked the following two websites and check them often for updates regarding the State's renewal requirement:

-OU's Continuing Certification website: <http://www.oakland.edu/sehs/certrenewal/>
-MDE's Teacher Certification site: <http://www.michigan.gov/teachercert>

It is never too early to start thinking about ways to make yourself more marketable. For information about additional endorsement and graduate program options, click on the Approved Planned Program Options document on OU's Continuing Certification website.

READING COURSEWORK REQUIRED:

Elementary candidates for Professional Certification must show evidence of completing coursework in methods of teaching reading. If you have not completed this 6 credit hour requirement, you must take RDG 502 and RDG 503 as part of your planned program.

Secondary candidates for Professional Certification must show evidence of completing coursework in methods of teaching reading. If you have not completed this three credit requirement, you must take RDG 338 as part of your planned program.

Holders of an Elementary Teaching Certificate applying for a Professional Education Certificate must have completed a minimum of 6 semester credit hours in reading methodology (i.e. methods of teaching reading), while holders of a Secondary Teaching Certificate must have completed this requirement with a minimum of 3 semester credit hours. This requirement is typically completed during one's initial teacher preparation program.

Graduates from one of OU's initial teacher preparation programs satisfied this requirement with:

- RDG 331, 333, and 414 or RDG 502 and 503 in OU's Elementary Education teacher certification programs, or
- RDG 338 or 538 in OU's Secondary Education teacher certification programs.

Additional reading requirement: The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has required since July 1, 2009 that anyone applying for a Professional Education Certificate to complete at least 3 semester credit hours in the diagnosis and remediation of reading disabilities and differentiated instruction.

You have satisfied this "additional" reading requirement if:

1. You earned a 2.8 grade minimum in RDG 331, REG 333, and RDG 414 in Fall 2007 or after as a student in Oakland University's Elementary Education teacher certification program.
2. You successfully completed RDG 500, RDG 632 and RDG 633 as a student in OU's MAT in Reading and Language Arts.
3. You successfully passed a course from MDE's list of approved reading diagnostics courses, or
4. You successfully completed RDG 510 at OU. If you do not have 1, 2, or 3 as listed above, you are advised to take RDG 510.