

Graduate Studies Programs

Professional Licensure

About the Program

Under current Massachusetts Department of Education regulations, after five years of teaching with an initial license, teachers must meet the requirements for professional licensure. For teachers who do not hold a master's degree, these requirements include a master's in a content area or an approved master's. For those teachers who do hold a master's degree, they can take 12 credits of graduate level coursework, nine of which must be in the appropriate subject area. For all education programs, Simmons has been successful in meeting a wide range of educational goals by providing each student with the advising necessary to develop a successful, individualized program of study. This personalized support is further enhanced by the small classes and the close mentoring relationships that students develop with faculty in the program.

Degree Options

Simmons offers two options that lead to eligibility for professional licensure. The 32 credit master's degree program, for those who do not have a previous master's degree, consists of four approved courses in an appropriate content area and four approved courses in advanced pedagogy. The 12 credit certificate program consists of three approved courses in an appropriate content area and is designed for teachers with master's degrees.

The Simmons Difference

For more than 100 years, Simmons has put the needs of our students first. Through an education that combines intellectual leadership with professional preparation, we help students lead meaningful lives and build successful careers for the 21st Century. The College's commitment can be seen in our state-of-the-art facilities for teaching, learning, living, and working at Simmons, as well as through our exceptional faculty and staff. Simmons College is located in the heart of Boston, a world-class city renowned for unlimited educational, career, and social opportunities. All programs provide a challenging educational experience in which every student develops an informed, critical, and committed voice, and learns to be a leader and collaborative member of the professional community. Simmons College was named a "Best College" in its category in the 2010 US News & World Report. Simmons was also included in the 2010 Princeton Review "Best 351 Colleges," and was named among the "Best in New England" in the first-ever edition of Princeton Review's Best Northeastern Colleges.

Coursework

Sample Advanced Pedagogy Coursework

GEDUC 415	Fair and Effective Classrooms
GEDUC 418	Understanding Curriculum
GEDUC 423	Facing History and Ourselves
GEDUC 424	Integrating Educational Technology in the Classroom
GEDUC 426	Integrating the Arts in the Elementary , Middle, and High School Curriculum
GEDUC 444	Research and Evaluation in Schools
GEDUC 462	Curriculum for the Early Childhood Classroom
ML 408	Second Language Acquisition
ML 410	Introduction to Linguistic and English Grammar
TESL 451	Bilingualism and Language Variation
TESL 452	Advanced Seminar in TESL Curriculum

Sample English Content Coursework

CHL 401	Criticism of Literature for Children
CHL 411	Victorian Children's Literature
CHL 413	Realistic Fiction for Young Adults
CHL 414	Fantasy and Science Fiction
CHL 425	Folk and Fairy Tales
CHL 436	Nonfiction: The New Frontier in Children's Literature
ENGL 405	Contemporary Critical Theory
ENGL 406	Feminist Literature and Culture
ENGL 505	Advanced Creative Writing: Non-Fiction
ENGL 507	Jane Austen and Virginia Woolf
ENGL 508	The Postcolonial Novel
ENGL 514	The Invented Self in Modern American Fiction
ENGL 521	Studies in Shakespeare
ENGL 522	The Postmodern Novel
ENGL 524	James Joyce
ENGL 525	Modern Irish Literature

Sample History and Political Science/Philosophy Content Coursework

HIST 402	Asia to the 18th Century
HIST 406	Rise of Modern China
HIST 413	Race and Ethnicity in U.S. History
HIST 435	The French Revolutionary Era
HIST 440	The Atlantic World
HIST 449	U.S. Foreign Policy: 1945-1989
HIST 571	Seminar in Early American History
HIST 573	Seminar in 19th Century U.S. History
HIST 574	Modern U.S. History
HIST 577	Topics in Modern European History
GCS 410	Issues in International Studies
ECON 595	Feminism and Economic Differences
POLS 502	Special Topics in Political Science

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