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Dear Prospective Student:

Following is general information about our Post Bachelor's and Master's Teacher Certification programs.

The College of Education certifies teachers for secondary and elementary school. You will need to decide if you want to teach elementary or secondary. An elementary certificate covers grades K-5 all subjects and grades 6-8 in major and minor areas. A secondary certificate covers grades 6-12 in major and minor areas. Information on teachable majors and minors (e.g. Science, Mathematics, English, Spanish, Language Arts, Physical Education, . . .) is included in our information packet.

If you prefer teaching elementary students, you will need to select and complete a major and complete the planned minor that the College requires.

The planned minor consists of American Government, US History before or after the Civil War, World History, World Geography, Biological Science, Physical Science and Math for Education I and II. If you have had any of these courses as an undergraduate we will give you credit for them. You may also choose an additional minor in a subject area or in one of the offered specialty areas such as Early Childhood Education, Bilingual/Bicultural Education (which requires you to be fluent in a foreign language) or Middle School.

You must pass all three parts of the Michigan Basic Skills Test. This test covers reading comprehension, writing, and mathematics. It is recommended that you take the test as soon as possible. It is offered four times a year, in January, April, July, and October.

You must also complete 40 hours of group experience with children between the ages of 3 - 17. Examples of group experience are camp counselor, substitute teacher, teacher's aide, coach, religious instructor etc. After you have passed the test and completed the course work for your major and minor, you can then apply to either our Post Bachelor's or Master's Teacher Certification program to earn your teaching certificate. You must attach a copy of a completed transcript evaluation (see below) and a state criminal background check to the application. The state criminal background check must be completed within three months of submitting the application. For more information on admissions, please refer to admissions requirements on page 8 in our Teacher Certification Information Handbook.

The Post Bachelor's program for elementary certification is 49 hours and the courses are offered during the day. The secondary program is offered in the evening, and it is 43 hours to certification. The Post Bachelor's Certification Program offers certification only. No degree is granted and the course work can never be used toward a Master's Degree.

The Masters program is 40 hours to certification. This includes 13 hours of classroom experience, 3 hours of pre-student teaching, where you will observe or assist a teacher in the classroom for 1/2 day, Monday - Thursday for one semester, and 10 hours of Student Teaching, where you will work as the teacher in the classroom for one semester.

(This is required for students enrolled in the Post Bachelor's Program as well.) You will need to complete an additional 8 - 10 hours to complete the Masters Degree. You have six years to complete the Master's Degree, but you may begin teaching upon receiving your certification.

In the enclosed packet, you will find a request for a transcript evaluation form. Please fill out the form, attach copies of all your transcripts, and mail it to our office. If your request form is not filled out completely it will be sent back to you. After you have received your transcript evaluation, if you feel the need to speak to someone, feel free to contact the advisor who completed your evaluation by mail or call our offices at 313-577-1601 or 1605 to make an appointment.

Thank you for your interest,

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