

**Truman State University**  
**Transfer Students and the Master of Arts in Education Program**

**Overview**

Truman offers teaching certification in the state of Missouri through our Master of Arts in Education (M.A.E.) program. The M.A.E. is a post-baccalaureate degree that students enter after having completed a bachelor's degree in an area related to the subject that they wish to teach. Students prepare for the M.A.E. during their undergraduate program by taking courses in their certification content area along with a series of foundational undergraduate courses in the Education department. Pre-M.A.E. students work closely with an Academic Advisor in their major department as well as our Education department staff to complete all their requirements and prepare for their career in education.

Students may seek basic certification in the following areas: Elementary 1-6, Biology 9-12, Chemistry 9-12, English 9-12, Exercise Science (Physical Education) PK-12, Exercise Science/Health PK-12, Foreign Language French PK-12, Foreign Language Spanish PK-12, Mathematics 9-12, Music-Instrumental PK-12, Music-Vocal PK-12, Physics 9-12, Social Sciences 9-12, STEM-Mathematics/Physics, Mild-Moderate Cross-Categorical Special K-12. Additional certifications are also offered in Gifted, ESOL, and Special Reading.

**Transferring Credit**

Prospective transfer students who are currently enrolled at two-year institutions are recommended to complete an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree before transferring to Truman. During their A.A. program, many students are able to complete coursework that fulfills both content area and foundational Education requirements. Students who have earned the Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) from a Missouri institution will be able to use their coursework to satisfy some of their foundational education coursework at Truman. See our [Education course equivalency table](#) for more details.

**Advising for Pre-M.A.E. Transfer Students**

Navigating the M.A.E. and certification requirements efficiently requires lots of planning. Incoming transfer students benefit greatly by making known their interest in the M.A.E. program as early as possible. Prospective transfer students are encouraged to contact [Transfer Programs Coordinator](#) in the Center for Academic Excellence, for pre-transfer advising.

During their first semester at Truman, all transfer students are assigned two advisors: a staff advisor in the Center for Academic Excellence, as well as a faculty co-advisor in the student's major department.

Questions?  
Contact Ted Frushour  
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Additionally, incoming transfer students are strongly recommended to meet with our Certification Analyst, Sheila Berkowitz, as early as possible, in order to develop an undergraduate degree plan that satisfies all M.A.E. program prerequisites.

### Admission to the M.A.E.

#### Course and GPA Prerequisites

The courses listed on the table below are required of all students applying to the M.A.E.

ED 388	Exploratory Field Experiences*	1 credit
ED 389	Foundations of Education*	3 credits
ED 393	Clinical Experiences in Teaching	3 credits
ED 394	Experiences in Classroom Teaching	1 credit
ED 593	Psychological Foundations of Education	3 credits
STAT 190	Basic Statistics*	3 credits

\* indicates the course may be transferred to Truman

Additionally, each content area requires contains its own course prerequisites. Content-area courses are transferable to Truman on a course-by-course basis. See program-specific transfer guides, or contact the Transfer Programs Coordinator at the Center for Academic Excellence or the Education department with specific questions.

All students are required to earn a 3.0 GPA in professional education courses as well as specified content courses. All students are required to earn a 2.75 GPA overall.

#### Core Admission Requirements

Students submit their application to the M.A.E. program during the final year of their undergraduate degree program at Truman. All students applying to the M.A.E., regardless of content area, are required to meet the following criteria:

- A strong liberal arts and sciences baccalaureate degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 (3.0 preferred, other GPA requirements vary by program)
- GRE scores submitted to the Graduate Office in McClain Hall 203
- Three letters of recommendation submitted to the Graduate Office in McClain Hall 203
- Application forms submitted to the Graduate Office in McClain Hall 203
- Additional requirements as determined by the specialty area

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