Saint Joseph's University – Education Unit

M.S. in Education with Level I – Early Childhood/Elementary Education Certification (grades PK-4)

Program Requirements: 42 Graduate Credits for MS and certification

NAME:                  Student Identification Number:

Prerequisites: Bachelor Degree, 3.0 GPA, Two Letters of Recommendation, Resume, Personal Statement

Prerequisite courses needed:

Field Experience Clearance Requirements: (See Program Requirements)
   Prior to enrollment in any field activity, students will need the following clearances:
   ● Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Fingerprinting & Criminal Record Check
   ● Pennsylvania Child Abuse Check
   ● PA State Police Criminal Record Check
   ● Tuberculosis skin test

Refer to http://www.ets.org/praxis for current Testing Information.

Program of Study has to be approved by the Graduate Director or the Department Chair

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<th>Core Courses (Required for Certification)</th>
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* T= Traditional/Classroom-Based; O= Online; H= Hybrid **Cross-listed as EDU 625 for OATCERT students

Graduation Audit:
Semester Completed: ___________________________

Transferred/Waived Courses (as applicable):
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

TranscriptReviewed by Department Chair, Graduate Director or Graduate Advisor:

Name and Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Revised June 2015
Program Requirements:
Bachelor’s Degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
Completion of prerequisite courses required by the PA Department of Education (PDE) in the student’s content area before student teaching

Field Experience Requirement:
The PDE requires all teacher candidates to complete Field Experience in certification programs. The Education Unit at Saint Joseph’s University has designated a required Field Experience to each course in the required curriculum to meet the state standards. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure placement within early childhood (grades PK-4) and special education classrooms to complete the required Field Experience hours.
Students are encouraged to complete Field Experience hours in a variety of classrooms over the course of their programs.
  o For example, if a student is taking 2 courses in 1 semester and each course requires Field Experience, the student MUST satisfy the required assignments in the class.
Field Experience hours must be completed in the same semester that the student is taking the corresponding course.

Student Teaching Application Requirements:
Students must apply to the Director of Field Experiences nine months prior to actual enrollment in Student Teaching. Students must demonstrate a 3.0 cumulative grade point average to participate in this program. All students will be expected to demonstrate completion of all prerequisite courses and pass all appropriate Praxis tests.
Middle school (4-8) and secondary (7-12) certification candidates must have a 3.0 GPA for all courses related to their content field. Effective June 1, 2015, all Secondary (7-12) certification candidates are required to complete the appropriate Praxis tests PRIOR TO APPLYING for student teaching.

Student Teaching Requirement:
The last course in this program is a 6 credit course that accompanies the student teaching experience.
Student teaching must take place in grades PK-4.
ALL students must complete an application for student teaching and submit it by one of the deadlines listed below. **Late applications will NOT be accepted**
  o May 15 – Application deadline for students who wish to student teach in the following Spring semester
  o January 15 - Application deadline for students who wish to student teach in the following Fall semester

Testing Requirement: All three modules are required (PA702)

Required Clearances for the Program:
All Saint Joseph’s University students who have direct contact with children by participating in a classroom teaching, internship, clinical or field experience who, as part of a program for the initial or advanced preparation of professional educators, performs classroom teaching or assists in the education program in a public or private school, intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school under the supervision of educator preparation program faculty, must comply with existing federal, state and local statues pertaining to Criminal History Records and other background clearances including mandated communicable disease testing.
All students must read, sign, and submit the Saint Joseph’s Statement Regarding Background Clearances at the time of admissions. **Students are responsible for updating their clearances as determined by their state.**

Requirements for the PA PK-4 Teacher Certification:
Students will need to pass the Praxis II (PECT) test in their content area prior to applying to the PDE for their Teaching Certification.
Students must complete the certification program with an overall GPA of 3.0 in order to apply to the PA Department of Education for their Teaching Certification.

I have been advised and understand all the requirements of this program and my responsibilities.

Candidate’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________