



BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE

Certification Only Program

The Education Division offers preparation for Certification Only candidates. For people with 4-year college degrees to become certified to teach, Brewton-Parker College offers programs leading to certification. Certification programs include Middle Grades with concentrations in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies; and Early Childhood Education, Special Education, Secondary English, Chemistry and secondary Music K-12.

A transcript evaluation, completed by the Brewton-Parker Certification Officer, determines both specific courses and the number of hours required. This program requires certification candidates employed by a school system to complete a year-long internship (EDU 476 and EDU 477 completed consecutively). Certification candidates not employed by a school system must complete one semester of student teaching. This internship/student teaching is a joint effort between a local school partner system and Brewton-Parker College. It provides the intern/student teacher with a supportive program designed to improve his or her professional competence.

Entrance Requirements for the Certification Only Program are:

- an existing 4-year degree from an accredited college, official transcripts required
- GPA of 2.5 or higher as verified on transcript,
- clear background
- proof of Liability Insurance (must maintain active status throughout program)
- passing score on Georgia Code of Ethics (360)
- Verification of Lawful Presence form and Pre-service application uploaded to PSC
- application to Teacher Education Program (bpc.edu website)
- GAPSC Pre-Certification documentation
- be under contract to a school system in a full-time capacity in the appropriate field (to qualify for internship)

Student Teaching / Internship Requirements

- score verification on GACE Test I and II for ECE, score verification on two areas of MG GACE Content, or score verification on Secondary content areas. Candidates must take the required GACE test for completion of the program. A passing score is not necessary for program completion; however, PSC will not issue certification until the GACE has been passed.
- possess and maintain an overall minimum GPA of 2.5 and a minimum GPA of 2.5 in all required courses,

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The *potential* teacher candidate desiring to pursue certification only at Brewton-Parker College must consider the following items prior to admittance to the Education Preparation Program (EPP) Certification Only track.

Program Admittance. *Potential* teacher candidates will be required to consult with the Brewton-Parker College EPP Certification Only Program Coordinator for transcript evaluation and other requirements for candidate entrance to the certification only program. Education Division faculty will collaborate to assist Certification Only Program Coordinator to design the best pathway for completion of the certification only track.

Delivery Format. The delivery format of the certification only program may include one or a combination of in-seat delivery, independent-directed study, Brightspace learning management system engagement, and online course options.

In-seat Delivery. Bases on transcript evaluation some core courses may be required which include In-seat delivery.

Independent-Directed Study. Certification Only teacher candidates will be required to complete program components via independent-directed study with the guidance of a program advisor. Self-directed learning skills are required for teacher candidates to manage learning tasks and program requirements.

Brightspace, Learning Management System. Program requirements require the use of Brightspace, the learning management system of Brewton-Parker College. Teacher candidates will be required to have a bpc.edu e-mail account, Brightspace log in and high-quality Internet access.

Online Course Options. With approval of program advisor, teacher candidates have the option to enroll in online courses (if available) at Brewton-Parker College to fulfill program requirements.

Field Observations. A component of the Education Program includes methods classes which require on-site visits to local area schools. Candidates not geographically close to Brewton-Parker College, will be required to enlist a school administrator/principal to conduct clinical observations. The Certification Only Program Coordinator and specific program advisor must approve the clinical observation personnel. Additionally, the teacher candidate should acquire videography capabilities to video all instruction specified by program advisor for evaluation.

Student Teaching/Internship: Completion of the Certification Only Program will include either one semester of Student Teaching for those **not** under contract and employed by a school system in a teaching capacity or a two-semester internship for those who are teaching and employed by a school system. Internship is on the job student teaching while under a provisional certification. Provisional certificates are typically good for three years which for the candidate means all coursework and internship must be completed within this time frame.

Any questions concerning Certification Only can be referred to Barbara Reid at breid@bpc.edu.