

**BEACON PROGRAM CHECKLIST
MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPEECH/THEATRE CERTIFICATION (Grades 5-9)**



Education department

GENERAL EDUCATION

38 – 47 hrs

The general education component is to be completed according to Columbia College degree requirements. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE DEGREE

40 – 60 hrs

Middle Level Education majors may choose from the following recommended degree areas.

- BA – Biology
- BS – Biology
- BA – Chemistry
- BA – English
- BS – Environmental Science
- BA – History
- BS – Mathematics
- BA - Sociology

Students must complete the degree requirements as set forth by Columbia College. Hours required for completion will vary depending on area chosen. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

CONTENT AREA COURSEWORK FOR SPEECH/THEATRE

24 hrs (minimum)

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs
	COMM 110	Introduction to Speech	3
	COMM 220	Introduction to Theatre	3
	COMM 323	Argumentation and Debate	3
	COMM 420	Advanced Acting and Production Techniques	3
	Choose:	Electives - Choose 4 courses from the following: COMM 203 - Understanding Human Communication, COMM 303 - Intercultural Communication, COMM 313 - Interpersonal Communication, COMM 320 – Advanced Theatre, COMM 360 - Oral Interpretation of Literature, COMM 380 - Performance Studies, COMM 385 - Performance Styles and Genres	12

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK

62 hrs

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs	Field Experience (observation hrs) included
	SOCI 270	Minority Cultures and Relations	3	none
	EDUC 100	Introduction to Education	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 198	Field Experience I	1	15 hrs
	EDUC 200	Law, Ethics, and Education	3	none
	EDUC 230	Educational Psychology	3	none
	EDUC 298	Field Experience II	1	15 hrs
	EDUC 300	Techniques of Teaching	3	15 hrs

[The College reserves the right to alter at any time requirements to meet state certification regulations.]

	EDUC 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	none
	EDUC ____	Child and Adolescent Development (<i>New Course</i>); or Child Psychology and Adolescent Psychology	3	none
Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)				
	EDUC 311	Classroom Management Techniques	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 322	Educational Measurement and Assessment	3	none
	EDUC 326	Middle School Methods	3	none
	EDUC 338	Content Reading and Writing	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 368	Teaching Speech & Theatre in Middle & Secondary Schools	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 375	Advanced Content Methods	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 376	Adolescent Literacy	3	
	EDUC 400	Senior Seminar	3	none
Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching checklist)				
	EDUC 424	Student Teaching in the Middle Level Schools**	12	16 weeks
		Total Credit Hours	59	
Approval for DESE Certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)				

**Evening Campus students must transfer to the Day Program in order to enroll in student teaching.

Retention Criteria:

- Complete at least 6 hours of professional education each year
- Complete Field Experiences and receive favorable evaluations from cooperating teachers and faculty supervisors
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above after acceptance to the program
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in professional education courses and content area courses

*This is not a degree checklist
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