

**EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM  
MIDDLE SCHOOL CHECKLIST  
SPEECH/THEATRE (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**

It is recommended that students seeking this certification choose a major that has similar course requirements in the degree. Your academic advisor can help you with your choice of major.

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 - <b>Choose 4 courses</b> 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**

**60 hrs**

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs	Field Experience (observation hrs) included
	SOCI 270	Diversity and Society	3	none
	EDUC 100	Introduction to Education	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 200	Law, Ethics, and Education	3	none
	EDUC 220	Methods of Teaching English Learners	3	None
	EDUC 230	Educational Psychology	3	none
	EDUC 300	Techniques of Teaching	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 311	Classroom Management Techniques	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	none

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	Choose option	EDUC 396 – Child and Adolescent Development; <b>or</b> EDUC 391 – Child Psychology <b>and</b> EDUC 392 – Adolescent Psychology	3	none
<b><i>Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)</i></b>				
	EDUC 322	Educational Measurement and Assessment	3	none
	EDUC 326	Middle School Methods	3	none
	EDUC 338W	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
<b><i>Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching checklist)</i></b>				
	EDUC 425	Undergraduate Student Teaching	12	16 weeks
		Total Credit Hours	60	
<b><i>Approval for DESE Certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)</i></b>				

**Retention Criteria:**

- Complete at least 6 hours of professional education each year
- Complete Field Experiences and receive favorable evaluations from cooperating teachers and college supervisors
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in professional education courses and GPA of 2.5 or above in content area courses

**Other requirements for certification that must be completed prior to graduation:**

- Successful completion/passing of appropriate content assessment (must be passed prior to student teaching)
- Successful completion of program certification performance assessment - MEES

\*This is not a degree checklist  
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