

# TEACHING ENGLISH, MASTER OF EDUCATION (MED) - BASIC CONCENTRATION LEADING TO CERTIFICATION

## The Basic Teaching Concentration

The Basic Teaching Concentration in Secondary Education Teaching - English is a degree designed for individuals who possess a bachelor's degree and appropriate coursework in English. Successful completion of the program will lead to a master's degree and can lead to state certification. It is anticipated that students would complete the 36-semester hour program in one calendar year of full-time study, beginning with the summer pre-session. However, students may begin the program during the fall or spring semesters.

## Admission Requirements

### Basic concentration

All applicants must have a bachelor's degree with appropriate course work in English with an overall GPA of 2.80 or higher from an accredited institution of higher education.

### Prerequisite Undergraduate Courses

Students should provide evidence of meeting outcomes in special needs instruction (Slippery Rock University's SEFE 338 (<https://sru-curr.courseleaf.com/search/?P=SEFE%20338>), Standards-Based Instruction & Assessment in the Inclusionary Classroom and SEFE 342 (<https://sru-curr.courseleaf.com/search/?P=SEFE%20342>), Educational Psychology for Diverse Learners meet this requirement).

Although the vast majority of accepted students exceed the minimum GPA requirements, students not meeting these criteria may be considered for conditional admission. Conditionally admitted students, however, must meet all of the prescribed program requirements before conferral of degree candidacy.

### Basic Concentration Undergraduate Competencies

Students in the basic concentration who meet admission requirements and have more than three undergraduate competencies will be offered conditional admission. While completing these competencies, students will be registered as post-baccalaureate students.

## Degree Completion Process

There are five steps to completing a master's degree at Slippery Rock University. Students must:

1. Obtain unconditional admission status.
2. Be approved for degree candidacy (students must successfully complete between 6 and 12 credit hours in a declared program of study).
3. Pass appropriate comprehensive examinations.
4. Complete research requirements.
5. Complete requisite credit hours.

All candidates completing this program and student teaching are eligible to receive Pennsylvania certification after achieving a passing or qualifying score on Pennsylvania Department of Education required

exam(s). If you are interested in teaching in another state, please contact the Department of Education in that state.

## Related Links

Teaching English Leading to Certification - Basic Concentration, MEd Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/graduate-programs/secondary-education-english-master-of-education/>)

Secondary Education English Fact Sheet (<https://www.sru.edu/documents/programs/factsheets/graduate/FS-SEFE-EN.pdf>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensure/>)