

**The University of South Dakota
Certification Only Program**

1. The teacher candidate must have completed a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
2. In order to be admitted to the certification only program, the candidate must meet teacher education program admission requirements. In addition, the candidate must complete the Praxis II content exam in his/her major as specified by the SDDOE, at which time the candidate must meet or exceed the minimum score required for certification in South Dakota.
3. The candidate will complete all teacher certification courses as identified by the institution, including the appropriate special methods course but not to include any other content major courses, and sit for the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching exam.
4. When the candidate meets the minimum required score on the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching exam for certification in South Dakota and all other program completion requirements set forth by the institution, the institution will recommend the candidate for teacher certification to SDDOE.
5. Institutions may recommend candidates for certification to the SD Department of Education in all teaching programs as listed in ARSD 24:16:08 Requirements for Basic Teaching Programs.

General Admission Requirements:

A 2.5 cumulative GPA and 2.6 GPA in the major, faculty interview, completion of an oral communication course, passing scores on the Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Tests in reading, writing, and mathematics, faculty recommendations.

Special Admission Requirements for this Program:

Passing score on the Praxis content exam as indicated above

EDFN 338	Foundations of American Education	2
SEED 296	Paraprofessional	1
EPSY 302	Educational Psychology	2
EDER 415	Educational Assessment	2
SPED 405	Educating Secondary Students with Disabilities	3
EPSY 422 or 440	Psychology of Adolescence or Growth Through the School Years	3
INED 411	SD Indian Studies	3
SEED 400	Methods and Media in Middle/High School	2
SEED 394	Internship	1
SEED	Methods in major/minor (Fall only)	3
* EDFN 475	Human Relations	3
*SEED 450	Teaching Reading in the Content Areas	3
*TET 435	Internet in the Classroom	1
*SEED 440	Classroom Management	1
*SEED 488	Student Teaching	8
	Total Credit Hours	38

* Student Teaching semester