Suggested Mathematics Education Certification Timeline

Every semester…

→ Consult with certification adviser.

→ Consult with academic adviser to schedule required courses.

YEAR 1

Spring

- Take the PAPA tests (Reading, Writing, Mathematics – no calculator)
  - Earn a passing score of 220 on all three sections prior to taking TCH or EEC courses.
  - OR meet the SAT/ACT requirements published by PDE.
- Begin Pre-Methods Experiences (finish by end of Year 2):
  - Mathematics Classroom Observations, **at least 20 hours**.
    - Even split - MS and HS, urban and rural.
    - For observations within one hour of campus, arrange these through the Office of Field Services.
    - *Observations from education courses count here if math lessons were observed.*
  - Pre-Teaching Experiences (tutoring), **at least 40 hours**
    - *Tutoring and working as a Math Department Master Classroom Assistant or as a tutor in the Learning Center count here.*
  - Professional Development Activities, **two or more.**
  - Service – Focused Activities, **at least 10 hours.**
- Submit Professional Standing Level One Application (to get in the College of Education database)

Summer

- Apply for ALL clearances.

YEAR 2

Fall

- Requirements prior to registering for first TCH or EEC course
  - Pass ALL THREE sections of the PAPAs
  - Two *new* Dispositions Forms completed
  - Grades of C or better in all program-required courses
  - Minimum GPA of 3.0
  - Prior to taking the course:
    - All clearance forms on file in Dean's office (see Angie Noreika)
    - Purchase TK20 account
- Continue working on Pre-Methods Field Experiences
  - Begin documenting them in TK-20

Gate 1: Admission to Certification Program:

- Requirements:
  - Meet all the requirements for taking TCH/EEC course (listed above)
  - Grade of C or better in TCH 207

Summer

- Take Praxis II Math Content Knowledge Test – *you should study for this!*
- Re-apply for ALL clearances.

YEAR 3

Fall

- Attend September Student Teaching Application Meeting.

By Dec 1

- Level One Field Experiences completed and documented in TK-20.
  - Submit TK-20 Portfolio to your Certification Advisor.

- Requirements to pass through Gate 2:
  - Pass ALL THREE sections of the PAPAs
  - Praxis II exam taken – if not passed, retake – must be passed prior to student teaching.
  - Two *new* Dispositions Forms completed
  - Grades of C or better in all program-required courses
  - Minimum GPA of 3.0
  - All clearance forms on file in Dean's office
  - Submit application for professional standing
  - Submit Student Teaching Application (form only) if student teaching Spring Year 4.

Gate 2: Professional Standing – Admission to EDU 434

- Meet all of the requirements for the December 1st deadline, including submitting your TK-20 Portfolio to your Certification Advisor.

Spring

- Take Methods I (EDU 434)

Summer

- Re-apply for ALL clearances.
  - Must be valid through last day of student teaching semester.

YEAR 4

Fall

- Take Methods II (EDU 435).
- Level Two Field Experiences will be completed within Methods II (EDU 435).
  - Finish updating TK-20 with Level II Field Experiences (as part of EDU435).

Dec 1

- Obtain a personal liability insurance policy for the Professional Semester.
  - Options are discussed at the Student Teaching Application Meeting (Junior year).

Gate 3: Admission to Student Teaching

- Requirements (including all of the above):
  - Passing score on the Praxis 2 Mathematics Exam 0561
  - Two *new* Dispositions Forms completed
  - Grades of C or better in all program-required courses
  - Minimum GPA of 3.0
  - All clearance forms on file in Dean's office (see Angie Noreika)

Spring

- Professional Semester, a.k.a. Student Teaching ☺
- Level Three Field Experiences will be completed within Student Teaching.
- Submit final TK-20 Student Teaching Portfolio.

Completed during student teaching

- Certification Application via TIMS
- Provide non-SU email address to Office of Field Experiences
- Complete exit survey
- Earn minimum of 4 points on final PDE430 form
- Minimum GPA of 3.0

Gate 4: Program Completion

- All the above requirements met.