

# Secondary Education and K-12 Education

## School of Education

### Program Definition

The Peru State College School of Education offers teacher preparation programs in the following fields and subjects for secondary and K-12 education. All programs endorse the student to teach the subject or field in grades 7-12 in the state of Nebraska unless otherwise indicated:

#### Teaching Fields:

Art (K-12), Language Arts Vocal/Instrumental Music (K-12) Math Natural Science Social Science

**Note: Teaching Fields can be completed in 4 ½ years.**

#### Teaching Subjects:

Biology Basic Business Chemistry English History

**Note: Teaching Subjects can easily be completed in 4 years.**

Secondary and K-12 education majors must complete 2 practicum experiences. The first required practicum is embedded in EDUC 208 Teacher Education: Principles & Practices, which provides students with an introduction to teacher education and an opportunity to spend 20-30 clock hours in an actual classroom. Students then complete a second practicum that requires 80 clock hours in an actual classroom of their specific content area. Art (K-12) and Vocal/ Instrumental Music (K-12) majors will split their second practicum in half to include experiences with both elementary and secondary students.

Student teaching is the culminating experience where the student demonstrates his/her knowledge and skills as a pre-service teacher. This supervised 16-week experience provides an opportunity to practice teaching in a supportive and developmental setting. Similar to the second practicum, Art (K-12) and Vocal/Instrumental Music (K-12) majors will split their student teaching placement in half to include experience with both elementary and secondary students.

#### PSC Points of Distinction

- Teacher education programs at Peru State College are National Council for Accreditation (NCATE) accredited.
- The Peru Student Education Association (PSEA) is very active on campus and continues to win numerous awards each year at state and national levels including the Student Education Association of Nebraska (SEAN) Chapter Excellence Award.
- Extensive coursework in each content area gives Peru State College secondary and K-12 education majors significant training in their fields or subjects.
- Peru State College has had a chapter of Kappa Delta Pi (The National Honor Society for Undergraduate Education Majors) for over seventy-five years. Each year the chapter inducts between 35-45 new members. Members have opportunities to attend area and national conventions and to participate in a variety of activities involving public school students. Kappa Delta Pi also offers scholarships to its members.
- Each program at Peru State College is reviewed on a continual basis and coursework is updated to meet evolving standards.
- Students completing a degree at Peru State College are prepared to attend the nation's top graduate schools in all program areas. Many graduates return to Peru State for their masters degree, which can be completed online and in our accelerated format.
- Minor in a subject area outside of the major is simple at Peru State and can broaden the scope of knowledge and can improve employment prospects for any student.

#### Facilities

*Curriculum level of library*—Our award-winning library houses an entire level just for education majors! This features a variety of multimedia and other state-of-the-art materials for students preparing to teach at the secondary and K-12 levels.

*Methods Classroom*—This classroom is filled with hands-on materials and state of the art technology to assist in instructional application methods and is the perfect learning environment for education majors.

#### Program Expectations

1. Free from disciplinary probation.
2. Overall grade point average of at least 2.5
3. Minimum scores on the Pre Professional Skills Test (PPST) as follows: Reading 170, Math 171, Writing 172
4. Evidence of proficiency in English Composition and Mathematics as indicated by a grade of C or above in college level courses.
5. Reflect appropriate professional dispositions in an initial interview and throughout the program.
6. Background check.

#### Required Coursework

All secondary and K-12 education students seeking certification in any endorsement option area are required to complete the Education Core and either the Secondary Education Option or K-12 Education Option. See a description of the specific classes required at <http://www.peru.edu/education/programs/>

Additional coursework is required in the subject area chosen by the student. Click on links below to see individual subject coursework requirements:

<http://www.peru.edu/artsandsciences/programs/>

<http://www.peru.edu/professionalstudies/programs/>

### Outcomes

With a professional degree in secondary or K-12 education, careers are possible in Public and Private Schools. Also, many secondary and K-12 education majors add a coaching endorsement with only 15 additional credits.

Coaching endorsement information is available online

Many secondary education students eventually end up in training and development roles in the private sector.

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