

NEW CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

"Literacy Across the Content Areas" (IDS 470) & "English Language Learners in the Classroom" (IDS 471)

In the Fall of 2004, we were notified that the CT Legislature passed two bills that impacted initial certification in teacher education in Connecticut.

Effective on and after July 1st, 2006:

- Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-145a(f) requires that any program of teacher preparation leading to professional certification shall include, as part of the curriculum, instruction in literacy skills and processes that reflect current research and best practices in the field of literacy training. Such instruction shall be incorporated into requirements for a student's major concentration; and
- Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-220a(f) requires that any program of teacher preparation leading to professional certification shall include, as part of the curriculum, instruction in the concepts of second language learning and second language acquisition and processes that reflect current research and best practices in the field of second language learning and second language acquisition. Such instruction shall be incorporated into requirements for a student's major and concentration

Frequently asked questions:

What has SCSU done to respond to these new regulations?

- The Dean of the School of Education convened a faculty committee during the spring to address these two bills. Over the past year, faculty have created two courses that responded to these new regulations: IDS 470 (Literacy Across the Content Areas) and IDS 471 (English Language Learners in the Classroom). Each course will be for 1.5 credits.

Am I affected by these requirements?

- The short answer is yes. All teacher education candidates are affected by this.

How will I register?

- Candidates will be able to register beginning March 15th, 2006 with permission from Kathy Mauro, Director of Student Teaching. Candidates who will be student teaching in Fall 2006 will be able to take the course(s) in the summer. If there is room, once all fall student teaching candidates have registered candidates in Gate 3 or who will be student teaching in Spring 2007 will be given permission to enroll.

Do I have to take both courses?

- While all students must take the IDS 471 course (or its equivalent -- see below), not all students need to take the IDS 470 course (see below)

What if I am already certified?

- These requirements apply only to your first certification. If you are already certified in Connecticut and are obtaining an additional teaching credential, you do not have to take these courses.

What courses to I need to take?

- Because some programs already have these competencies included as part their programs, you may not have to take the IDS 470 course.

Candidates seeking certification in the following areas *are required* to take *BOTH* IDS 470 and IDS 471:

Art Education
Exercise Science
Foreign Language
History/Social Studies
Mathematics
Science (all certification areas)
School Health

Candidates seeking certification in the following areas *are required* to take *ONLY* IDS 471:

Early Childhood Education (undergraduate)
Elementary Education
Collaborative Elementary Education/Special Education
Collaborative Early Childhood program (graduate)
English
Comprehensive Special Education

When are these courses offered?

- Each course will be offered during the 2006 Summer A, Summer B and Summer C sessions. They will also be offered each semester thereafter

How and when can I register for these courses?

- Teacher candidates who are eligible for Student Teaching in the Fall 2006 semester will be given priority to register for these courses in the summer. Beginning on Wednesday, March 15, students who are scheduled to student teach in the fall semester need to do the following in order to register:
 1. Contact Kathy Mauro, Director of Student Teaching by email: maurok1@southernct.edu.
 2. Provide her with your name, student ID, certification program and your first and second choice for the course(s) you wish to enroll in for the Summer.
 3. She will give you electronic permission to register providing that your name has been submitted to her by your program in which you intend to student teach in the fall.

Can I take any of these courses at another university?

- That is possible, however you must be sure the course covers **Content based instruction for English Language Learners or Sheltered Instruction for English Language Learners for IDS 471**. As with any course taken at another university you should receive approval from:
Dr. Lorrie Verplaetse (392- 6759) for English Language Learners in the Classroom (IDS 471)
Dr. Pam Brucker (392-5938) for Literacy in the Content Across the Content Area (IDS 470)
Once you have their approval you must also have the Registrar's approval at SCSU