

**BEACON PROGRAM CHECKLIST
SECONDARY
SPEECH/THEATRE CERTIFICATION (Grades 9-12)**



Education department

GENERAL EDUCATION

38 – 47 hrs

The general education component is to be completed according to Columbia College degree requirements. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE DEGREE

40 – 63 hrs

It is recommended that students seeking this certification choose a major that has similar course requirements in the degree. Your academic advisor can help you with your choice of major.

Students must complete the degree requirements as set forth by Columbia College. Hours required for completion will vary depending on area chosen. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

CONTENT AREA COURSEWORK FOR SPEECH/THEATRE

30 hrs minimum

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs
Speech (12 hours min)			
	COMM 110	Introduction to Speech	3
	COMM 203	Understanding Human Communication	3
	COMM 214	Mass Communication in Society	3
	COMM 323	Argumentation and Debate	3
Theatre (12 hours min)			
	COMM 220	Introduction to Theatre	3
	COMM 320	Advanced Theatre	3
	COMM 380	Performance Studies	3
	COMM 420	Advanced Acting and Production Techniques	3
Electives (6 hrs min)			
	Choose:	Other Electives: Choose 2 courses (6 hours) from the following: COMM 303 – Intercultural Communication COMM 304 – Introduction to Screenwriting COMM 313 – Interpersonal Communication COMM 343 – Gender Communication	6

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK

57 hrs

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs	Field Experience (observation hrs) included
	SOCI 270	Diversity and Society	3	none
	EDUC 100	Introduction to Education	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 200	Law, Ethics, and Education	3	none
	EDUC 220	Methods of Teaching English Learners	3	none

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	EDUC 230	Educational Psychology	3	none
	EDUC 300	Techniques of Teaching	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	none
	Choose option	EDUC 396 – Child and Adolescent Development or EDUC 391 – Child Psychology and EDUC 392 – Adolescent Psychology	3	none
<i>Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)</i>				
	EDUC 311	Classroom Management Techniques	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 322	Educational Measurement and Assessment	3	none
	EDUC 338	Content Reading and Writing	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 368	Teaching Speech and Theatre in Middle and Secondary Schools	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 375	Advanced Content Methods	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 376	Adolescent Literacy	3	
	EDUC 400	Senior Seminar	3	none
<i>Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching checklist)</i>				
	EDUC 425	Undergraduate Student Teaching	12	16 weeks
		Total Credit Hours	57	
<i>Approval for DESE Certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)</i>				

Retention Criteria:

- Complete at least 6 hours of professional education each year
- Complete Field Experiences and receive favorable evaluations from cooperating teachers and college supervisors
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in professional education courses and content area courses

Other requirements for certification that must be completed prior to graduation:

- Successful completion/passing of appropriate Missouri Content Assessment (MoCA) (must be passed prior to student teaching)
- Successful completion of program certification performance assessment - MEES

*This is not a degree checklist
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