

**MERCER UNIVERSITY
TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**Certification Program Plan: Secondary Education
Biology (Grades 6-12)**

Name _____ Student ID# _____

Contact Information: _____

Program Plan Initially Prepared by: _____ Date: _____

Certification Advisor: _____ Major Advisor: _____

Admission Status: _____ FAD _____ XAD _____ NAD Date: _____

Admission Criteria

Students must meet all requirements for full admission to Teacher Education before registering for non-restricted education courses. These requirements include but are not limited to the following:

- _____ Submit an application to Teacher Education
- _____ 2.5 Cumulative GPA on all previous coursework
- _____ Passing scores on Praxis I/GACE Ior PSC waiver options: Qualifying Option: _____
- _____ Complete FYS 101 & 102 with no grade below a "C"
- _____ Complete required math core class with a "C" or better
- _____ Complete any education classes taken with a grade of "C" or better
- _____ Declare a major in Biology

Professional and Pedagogical Studies:

Planned	Completed	Grade	
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 210 Instructional Technologies for Teaching and Learning*
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 220 Foundations of Education*
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 256 Adolescent Health and Development*
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 283 Fundamentals of Special Education*
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 357 Psychology of Learning*

***Non-restricted education courses.**

Planned	Completed	Grade	
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 406 Classroom Management (concurrent with EDUC 492)

Content Studies:

Planned	Completed	Grade	
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 423 Teaching Science in the Secondary School
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 469 Secondary School Curriculum
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 476 Teaching Literacy 6-12

Field Experience:

Planned	Completed	Grade	
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 398 Fieldwork I
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 399 Fieldwork II
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 485 Professional Practicum
_____	_____	_____	EDUC 492 Student Teaching**

****All required education courses, except EDUC 406, the including content courses for the major, must be completed prior to student teaching.**

Other Requirements

Planned	Completed	Grade	
_____	_____	_____	Bio 390 Environmental Health and Toxicology
_____	_____	_____	PHY 141/121L Introductory Physics I: Mechanics & Heat/Basics Physics Lab I
_____	_____	_____	PHY 142/142L Introductory Physics II: Electricity, Magnetism, & Optics & Intro Physics II Lab

- **Completion of major requirements subject to approval of the Biology Department and the major advisor.**
- **Completion of certification requirements subject to approval of the Tift College of Education Certification Official and the certification coursework advisor.**

Exit Criteria*

To be eligible for certification:

- Maintain a GPA of 2.75 in all courses required for certification.
- Complete Portfolio requirements
- Receive positive recommendation from student teaching.
- Submit passing scores on the appropriate Praxis II/GACE II test(s).

Record Review

Reviewed on (date)	Reviewed by (advisor name)	Student initials

*For complete details about admission, progression, and retention criteria, see the Teacher Education Handbook and the Mercer University Bulletin.

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