

# SECONDARY EDUCATION ENGLISH

MASTER OF EDUCATION  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

[www.sru.edu/sefeEnglish](http://www.sru.edu/sefeEnglish)



## DELIVERY METHOD

Basic Track: onsite and online  
Advanced Track: 100% online

## START TERMS

Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer

## COMPLETION TIME

Programs can be completed in a calendar year if a student begins in the summer

NUMBER OF CREDITS  
36 credits



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University

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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Impact the future and explore the possibilities of teaching by earning a Master of Education in Secondary Education. SRU's M.Ed. in Secondary Education has two tracks; a basic track and an advanced track. The basic track is for students seeking certification. The advanced track is for certified teachers.

SRU's master's degree in Secondary Education offers:

- Flexibility to fit your busy schedule. The basic track offers both on-site and online classes, and the advanced track can be completed 100% online
- A 36-credit hour program that can be completed in one calendar year
- Leadership skills geared to advancing your career to the next level
- Specialization in English

## BASIC TRACK

The basic teaching track in Secondary Education Teaching - English is a degree designed for individuals who possess a bachelor's degree and appropriate coursework in English. Successful completion of the program will lead to a master's degree and can lead to state certification. Students can complete the 36-semester hour program in one calendar year of full-time study, beginning with the summer pre-session and ending with student teaching in the fall or spring. However, students may begin any term.

## ADVANCED TRACK

The advanced teaching track in Secondary Education Teaching - English is a Master of Education degree for individuals who already possess teacher certification in English. In addition to core requirements, these certified students will concentrate on individual professional development by electing 12 semester hours of coursework from the areas of English, foundations of education, instructional technology, or counseling.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

### Basic Track

- All applicants must have a bachelor's degree with appropriate course work in English with an overall GPA of 2.80 or higher from an accredited institution of higher education to enter and a 3.0 GPA to exit the graduate program
- Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts
- Resume

### Advanced Track

- All applicants must have a bachelor's degree with an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher from an accredited institution of higher education
- Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts
- Copy of teacher certification
- Resume

## BASIC TRACK UNDERGRAD COMPETENCIES

Students should provide evidence of meeting outcomes in special needs instruction (Slippery Rock University's SEFE 338: Standard-Based Instruction & Assessment in the Inclusionary Classroom and SEFE 342: Educational Psychology for Diverse Learners are essential to meet this requirement).

Students in the basic track who meet admission requirements but who have more than three undergraduate deficiencies, may be offered conditional admission.

## BASIC TRACK - PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION

All candidates completing this program and student teaching are eligible to receive Pennsylvania certification after achieving a passing or qualifying score on Pennsylvania Department of Education required exam(s). If you are interested in teaching in another state, please contact the Department of Education in that state.

## TUITION & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate). Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office at [www.sru.edu/FinAid](http://www.sru.edu/FinAid) or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

## CURRICULUM - BASIC TRACK (36 CREDITS) for non-certified teachers

### Pedagogy (9 credits):

SEFE 522: Teaching of Middle Level and Secondary Social Studies and the English Language Arts for the Humanities  
SEFE 607: The Theories and Teaching of English Language Learners  
SEFE 677: Directed Field Experience in Secondary Schools

### Technology (3 credits):

SEFE 647: Technology-Based Inquiry in Middle & Secondary Schools

### Educational Measurement (3 credits):

SEFE 671: Measurement, Testing and Assessment

### Educational Foundations (3 credits) - Choose one course:

SEFE 604: Philosophical Foundations of Education  
SEFE 606: Social Foundations of Education  
SEFE 609: History of Western Education  
SEFE 680: Crucial Issues in Education

### Research and Statistics (6 credits):

SEFE 602: Univariate Statistical Methods (Required)  
Choose one of the following:  
SEFE 608: Research Methods for Teacher Leadership  
SEFE 696: Elements of Qualitative Educational Research  
SEFE 699: Elements of Quantitative Educational Research

### Special Education (3 credits):

SPED 601: Advanced Study of Learning Disabilities or a course that meets the Chapter 49 Accommodations and Adaptations Standards as covered in SPED 601

### Supervised Student Teaching (9 credits):

SEFE 701: Seminar and Supervised Teaching in the Secondary School

## OFFERING OF COURSES BY TERM (COURSES MAY BE OFFERED IN MULTIPLE TERMS)

Summer Term	Fall Term
Pre-session: SEFE 607 Session 1: SEFE 522; 647 Session 2: SEFE 671; 699	SEFE 602; 677; 680 SPED 601
Winter Term	Spring Term
SEFE 338	SEFE 701

## DEGREE COMPLETION PROCESS

There are five steps to completing a master's degree at Slippery Rock University. Students must:

1. Obtain unconditional admission status
2. Be approved for degree candidacy (students must successfully complete between 6 and 12 credit hours in a declared program of study and pass the Praxis I: Academic Skills)
3. Pass appropriate comprehensive examination
4. Complete research requirements
5. Complete requisite credit hours

Note: All required sections of the Praxis I and Praxis II must be completed and passed prior to enrollment in Seminar and Supervised Student Teaching.

Upon completion of these five steps, the student will be required to apply for graduation before the end of the semester in which the student wishes to graduate. See the Graduate Catalog for further information.

## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

## CURRICULUM - ADVANCED TEACHING TRACK (36 CREDITS) - for certified teachers only

### Pedagogy (6 credits):

SEFE 630: Advanced Pedagogy for Teacher Leadership\*  
SEFE 647: Technology-Based Inquiry in Middle & Secondary Schools

### Educational Measurement (3 credits):

SEFE 671: Measurement and Assessment in Schools

### Educational Foundations (3 credits):

SEFE 680: Crucial Issues in Education

### Research and Statistics (9 credits):

SEFE 602: Univariate Statistical Methods (Required)  
Choose two from the following:  
SEFE 608: Research Methods for Teacher Leadership  
SEFE 696: Elements of Qualitative Educational Research  
SEFE 699: Elements of Quantitative Educational Research

The courses listed above for the Advanced Track are offered online.

### Electives (15 credits) Choose five courses from the following:

SEFE 607: The Theories and Teaching of English Language Learners  
SEFE 650: School Supervision: Strategic Leadership  
SEFE 652: School Supervision: Organizational Leadership  
SEFE 679: Psychology of Learning and Instruction for Diverse Learners  
SPED 601: Advanced Studies of Learning Disabilities  
SPED 625: Instructional Strategies for Learning and Behavioral Problems

Other electives with advisor approval.

### \*Individualized Instruction

## CLEARANCES

Clearances are due no later than one (1) week prior to deadline for course registration for each program's practicum/field experience---no student will be permitted to register for the program's practicum and take part in practicum/field experiences without clear clearances on file at SRU. Students are to send the following by the due date:

- Clear Act 34 Criminal History Record: NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission
- Clear Act 114 FBI Record Check: NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission
- Clear Act 151 Child Abuse Background Check: NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission
- Act 24 Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification: NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Students must file an updated Act 24 with SRU if any additional arrests/convictions occur while enrolled at SRU
- Act 26 child Abuse Recognition and Reporting Act - document online course completion

## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:

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