

Professional Development - Initial Licensure Program (PD-ILP)

Secondary Education

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Information

Contact the Professional Development Office at UNLV in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, CEB 354, 895-1536, professionaldevelopmentoffice@unlv.edu or visit on-line at <http://ci.unlv.edu> for information about this program and application forms.

Program

The purpose of the Professional Development - Initial Licensure Program in Secondary (PD-ILPS) Education is to attract individuals with a bachelor's degree who are interested in a fast track route to becoming secondary classroom teachers. This one-year intensive licensure program is designed to support highly qualified students in their preparation to become effective educators at the secondary level.

Prerequisite Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with overall GPA of 2.75 or above
- Content coursework related to licensable subject area teaching field(s) for secondary education
- Passing scores in reading, writing, and mathematics on the Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) examination

Computer version: Prometric Testing Center (702-889-4132)

Paper/pencil version: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/>

- Passing scores on the Teacher Licensure Examinations for Nevada School Law, Nevada Constitution and U.S. Constitution or related coursework

Examinations: <http://www.unr.edu/educ/el/exam.html>

Courses: EDA 200 Nevada School Law (2 credits); HIS 100 Historical Issues and contemporary Man or POS 100 Introduction to American Politics (4 credits for both U.S. and Nevada Constitution); POS 101 Nevada Constitution (1 credit)

- Documentation of immunizations with UNLV Admissions and Records <http://www.unlv.edu/studentlife/transition/immunization.html>
- Fingerprinting in compliance with the Clark County School District (CCSD) policy for **practicum and student teaching**.

Application Process for UNLV Admissions

- Submit official application, sixty-dollar (\$60) fee, and official transcripts to UNLV Admissions.
- Submit documentation of immunization records. Applicants who earned a bachelor's degree at UNLV and have immunization records on file are exempt.
- Application will be processed and forwarded to the C&I Professional Development Office.

Application Process for Curriculum and Instruction (C&I)

- Submit copies of passing PPST reading, writing and mathematics scores to C&I Professional Development Office, CEB 354.
- Submit copies of passing scores on the Teacher Licensure Examination(s) or transcript verification of related coursework to C&I Professional Development Office, CEB 354.
- Submit 1-2 page statement of professional goals, with two professional references, to the C&I Professional Development Office, CEB 354.

- Application will be processed and reviewed by the C&I Professional Development-Initial Licensure Program coordinator. Applicant will receive notification of acceptance into the PD-ILPS.

Program Requirements

Applicant must complete a one-year program of study. Should the applicant wish to extend the program beyond one-year, contact the Professional Development Office, CEB 354, 895-1536, or <professionaldevelopmentoffice@unlv.edu> for options in revising the course schedule. Upon completion of all requirements, students will be eligible to apply for initial secondary (7-12) teacher licensure in Nevada. Students are responsible for knowing and meeting all licensure requirements.

Program Curriculum

The Initial Licensure Program Secondary (ILPS) consists of two semesters: one semester of coursework including a practicum experience and one semester of student teaching. Students may need to complete additional coursework depending on the number of credits (generally 30-36 semester hours) required to teach in a major teaching field.

†Semester I (15-18 semester credit hours)

- ¹EDSC 323 Teaching and Learning Secondary Education
- ¹EDSP 411 Students with Disabilities in General Education Settings
- ¹EDSC 408 Classroom Management Secondary Education

Practicum Block – Concurrent Enrollment

- ²EDSC 313 Secondary Methods Practicum II (**Requires fingerprinting**)
- EDSC 4__ Teaching Secondary Methods (*three-fourths of major teaching field credits must be completed before student teaching*)
- EDSC 4__ Teaching Secondary Methods: Minor Teaching Field (*two-thirds of minor teaching field credits must be completed before student teaching*)

†Optional additional coursework: To enhance marketability, completing 6 credits of Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) is highly recommended – EDRL 471; EDRL 474

*Semester II (14 credits) Requires test out or course options and Semester I coursework completed.

- ²EDSC 481A Secondary Supervised Student Teaching (\$250 lab fee)
- EDSC 482 Secondary Supervised Student Teaching Seminar
- OR**
- ²EDSC 481A Secondary Supervised Student Teaching: Major Field (\$250 lab fee)
- EDSC 481B Secondary Supervised Student Teaching: Minor Field (*minors require an additional subject area methods course*)
- EDSC 482 Secondary Supervised Student Teaching Seminar

***Apply for graduation with Registrar's office Student Services Complex to have a PDD degree posted on transcripts.**

Semester III (Semester credit hours varies)

Complete major and minor teaching field content course(s), if necessary.

¹May be completed the semester ILP application is being processed. All methods courses require concurrent enrollment in EDSC 313.

²Requires "Office of Field Experience" application. Students are required to complete and submit field experience application which can be found at: <http://education.unlv.edu/ofe/>. The option to complete applications online is only available to students who have submitted passing PPST scores. Otherwise, students are required to fill out the paper based application at the Office of Field Experience (CEB 237).

**Please note: you will not be eligible for a teaching license in the State of Nevada until you complete all prerequisite and course requirements. Praxis II must be completed for licensure. Contact the Nevada Department of Education <<http://www.doe.nv.gov/>> for Praxis II requirements.