**Tips for Advising Teacher Certification Students**

* Students must register for all concurrent courses at once, not one at a time.
* For Messiah to be the endorsing institution for teacher certification, students are required to graduate with a teacher certification major.
* New teacher certification students should email teacheredprog@messiah.edu
* Encourage ALL to get involved with Education Association of Messiah University (EAMU)
* International student teaching meets requirement for a third language

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| ***First Year*** |
| Process Clearances in March to register for sophomore field experience and concurrent courses. |
| ***Sophomore Year*** |
| Complete the required courses before the start of spring semester:* First Year Seminar/ENGL 110 (F24 and later)
* Oral Communications
* English Literature –
* 6 credits College Level Math
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| Apply to TEP in January if eligible and before planning to register for junior field experience. |
| ***Junior Year*** |
| Apply to Professional Semester by Dec. 1, if student teaching the next academic yearPlease discuss the semester that they will student teach  |
| If interested in international student teaching, apply by stated deadlines for fall (12/15) or spring (3/15) student teaching. |
| ***Senior Year*** |
| Take the culminating exams required for PA certification in subject area after junior year and at least 8 weeks before completing degree |
| If seeking PA certification (not required), apply through TIMS the month of graduation/ completion of program |
| Students enrolled in the Professional Semester are not permitted to be enrolled in any additional classes |
| Students completing credits after May will not be able to be certified until graduation is awarded (May term – 6/30; Summer Term – 8/31) |

*See* [*www.messiah.edu/teacher*](http://www.messiah.edu/teacher) *for details about these requirements or contact* *Beverly Pitcher-Johnson.*