**Tips for Advising Teacher Certification Students**

* Students must register for all concurrent courses at once, not one at a time.
* In order 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 [cwickey@messiah.edu](mailto:cwickey@messiah.edu)
* Encourage ALL to get involved with Education Association of Messiah University (EAMU)
* International student teaching now meets requirement for a third language

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| ***First Year*** |
| Process Clearances in March – TEP students enrolling in HDFS 210 Child Development prior to this should follow TEP directions for clearances, rather than general instructions for non-TEP students |
| ***Sophomore Year*** |
| Complete the required courses before the start of spring semester:   * First Year Seminar * Oral Communications * English Literature - Met by ENGL 160 for PK-4, Dual, or 4-8 Certification students; All others can choose a literature course between ENGL 122 – 176 * 6 credits College Level Math |
| 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 year  Please discuss with them the semester that they will student teach |
| If interested in international student teaching, apply by stated deadlines for fall or spring 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 |
| Apply for certification 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 all of these requirements, or call Carol Wickey at 796-5358.*