

Program Description  
Advanced Certification - Secondary Education

Advanced certificates are offered for upgrade from Kentucky Rank III (the initial teaching certificate) to Rank II (30 credit hour masters or 32 credit hour non-degree Planned 5<sup>th</sup> Year program), and from Rank II to the non-degree Rank I (Rank II plus 30 credit hours). These programs are designed for practicing secondary teachers.

The M.A./M.S. program in secondary education requires 30 credit hours. Those include 12 credit hours in curriculum and instruction, 3 credit hours of behavioral studies, 3 credit hours of humanistic/multicultural studies, and 12 credit hours in the certificate content area of specialty. The program requires continuous assessment on entry, after 15 credit hours completed, and program exit.

The non-degree Planned 5<sup>th</sup> Year Program in secondary education requires 32 credit hours. Those include 9 credit hours in curriculum and instruction, 3 credit hours in related studies, and 12 credit hours in the content area of the teaching certificate, and 8 credit hours of electives. The program requires continuous assessment on entry, after 15 credit hours completed, and program exit.

The Rank I program requires 9 credit hours of curriculum and instruction, 9 credit hours in the content area of certification, 3 credit hours in professional education foundations, and 9 credit hours of electives. The program requires continuous assessment on entry, after 15 credit hours completed, and program exit.