



The mission of the University of Holy Cross Education Department is to educate hearts and minds through experiential service that fosters the spirit of compassion, justice, and selflessness in an ever-changing world.

Certification-Only Program (Alternative Path to Teacher Certification)

University of Holy Cross has certification-only programs in Elementary Education, Grades 1-5 and Secondary Education, Grades 6-12 in the following areas: Biology, Business, English, Foreign Language French, Foreign Language Spanish, General Science, Mathematics, and Social Studies.

Stage One: Application to University of Holy Cross (UHC)

Before registering for courses, candidates must apply to (UHC) and complete all university admissions requirements. University admissions requirements include:

1. Application
2. Application Fee
3. Proof of Immunization Certificate
4. Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college/university
5. Official transcripts from every college/university attended

Stage Two: Admission to UHC and Enrollment in EDU Courses

Once all admissions requirements are fulfilled, candidates may begin to enroll in the required EDU courses that do not call for complete admission to the program as described in stage three. Required courses are listed in the UHC Curriculum Guide for Certification-Only Program Alternative Path to Certification Elementary Grades 1-5 and the UHC Curriculum Guide for Certification-Only Program Alternative Path to Certification Secondary Grades 6-12. Candidates must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in all EDU courses.

Stage Three: Admission to the Methods and Internship Courses

After completing stages one and two, candidates must apply for complete admission to the Certification-Only Program in order to enroll in the methods and internship courses. These methods and internship courses include EDU 345, EDU 445, EDU 460 C/D, and EDU 461 A/B. Candidates must earn a minimum grade of "B" in all methods and internship courses. Complete admission to the Certification-Only Program requires the following:

1. Application (Yellow Packet) which includes:
 - a. Demographic information
 - b. PRAXIS I scores in reading, writing, and mathematics that meet the Louisiana certification requirements
 - i. Exemption from PRAXIS I may be obtained by submitting one of the following: An ACT composite score of 22 or higher or an SAT combined

verbal and math score of 1100 or higher or 1030 or higher if the SAT was taken before March 2016, or a masters degree.

- c. PRAXIS II scores on content area tests that meet the Louisiana certification requirements
 - i. Tests for specific areas of certification and the required scores can be found at www.ets.org/praxis. Be sure to look for Louisiana certification requirements.
 - ii. It is highly recommended that you become familiar with ETS's guidelines and requirements (for example, there are specific time lines for retaking tests and receiving scores.)
- d. Reference forms

Stage Four: Completion of the Certification-Only Program and Application for Certification

All courses and requirements must be completed within three years. Upon completion of all courses and requirements, the UHC Education Department will apply for certification with the Louisiana Department of Education. Requirements for initial certification are as follows:

1. Completion of courses as listed on the curriculum guides
2. PRAXIS II scores on the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) or World Languages Pedagogy if seeking certification in a foreign language that meet the Louisiana certification requirements
 - i. Tests for specific areas of certification and the required scores can be found at www.ets.org/praxis. Be sure to look for Louisiana certification requirements.
3. Completion of TaskStream data entry requirements
4. Pay the \$50 state application fee on ldoe.force.com (receipt of payment must be submitted to the UHC Education Department)
5. Certification Packet with all appropriate forms