## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

### Content Area Major Requirements for B.A.: 48 semester hours

A student must complete the requirements for Biology major. Please see the Academic Planning Guide from the Biology Department for details. A student should meet with both a department major faculty member as well as an education department faculty for advising. The secondary education major is a second major only. No student may graduate from North Park University with secondary education as his or her only major.

### Courses for Core Standards: 4 semester hours

- PHEN 1000: Conceptual Physics (2) or higher
- PHEN 1060: Astronomy (2)

### Required Education Courses: 34 - 37 semester hours

#### Professional Term A (8 sh)
- EDUC 2120: Introduction to Teaching: Professional Responsibilities (2) - *partially meets Writing Intensive requirement*
- EDUC 2130: Educational Psychology (2)
- EDUC 2140: Curriculum: Planning & Preparation (2)
- EDUC 2145: Instruction and Assessment (2) - *partially meets Writing Research requirement*

#### Professional Term B (9 sh)
- EDUC 3011: Middle School & Adolescent Development (2)
- EDUC 3160: Instruction in the Secondary School (2)
- EDUC 3430: Survey of Teaching Exceptional Learners (3)
- EDUC 3160: Instruction in the Secondary School (2) - *taken twice*

#### Professional Term C (8-10 sh)
- EDUC 3130: Multicultural Education Practices (2)
- EDUC 3230: Methods and Techniques of Teaching Science in Grades 5-9 (2) - *only required for students pursuing a Middle Grades Endorsement*
- EDUC 3315: Content Literacy Methods in the Middle and Secondary Grades (2)
- EDUC 3407: Methods of Teaching in the Middle and Secondary School (2)
- EDUC 3520: Practicum: Mini-Teaching (2)

#### Professional Term D (12 sh)
- EDUC 4120: Student Teaching-Secondary (8)
- EDUC 4600: Educ. Phil. Capstone: Seminar for Student Teachers (4)

**Full admission into the Teacher Education Program is based on:**

- Formal application to the School of Education when enrolled in EDUC 2120
- An overall GPA of 2.5
- Completion of Professional Term A
- Positive recommendations from the School of Education Faculty
- Approval by the Teacher Education Screening Committee
- Meeting the Illinois test of basic skills requirement (passing the Test of Academic Proficiency or using the ACT or SAT in lieu of the TAP)
- Completion of TB clearance
- Successful results of criminal background check

Content Area Test: Students are required to pass the ISBE Content Area Test prior to beginning student teaching.

Assessment of Professional Teaching: Students are required to pass the APT test prior to receiving a teaching licence

Grade Requirement: All Professional education and content-area coursework that forms part of an application for licensure, endorsement or approval must have been passed with a grade no lower than “C” or equivalent in order to be counted toward fulfillment of the applicable requirements.

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### CORE CURRICULUM

Starting with the framework of North Park’s identity as a Christian, liberal arts institution, our Core Curriculum is intentionally multi-disciplinary and multi-year. It is set up as a progress through three areas: Foundation Courses, Explorations Courses, and Capstone Courses.

[http://www.northpark.edu/Academics/Undergraduate-Studies/Core-Curriculum](http://www.northpark.edu/Academics/Undergraduate-Studies/Core-Curriculum)

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#### Intermediate Level Writing

Two courses in the context of your major that specifically address writing clearly and doing effective research

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#### Keystone

Interdisciplinary integration of skills and knowledge applied to contemporary social issues

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