

Secondary Education (M.Ed.)

To be truly visionary we have to root our imagination in our concrete reality while simultaneously imagining possibilities beyond that reality.

—Bell Hooks

Designed for those interested in teaching young people from sixth through twelfth grades across all curriculum areas, Secondary Education in the Department of Teaching and Learning offers rigorous coursework, opportunities to work with faculty on research, as well as paid residencies and licensure. Program faculty are recognized leaders in research on learning and teacher development.

Linchpins of the program include deepening understanding of subject matter for teaching, focusing on students' ideas about subject matter as a critical resource, connecting students' ideas to that subject matter, and partnering with schools as members of teaching teams. The course of study includes fulfilling requirements to be recommended for teacher licensure for grades 6–12, with courses available for an additional endorsement in English Language Learners



Concentrations

Students specialize in the areas—English, math, science, or social studies—they plan to teach and may elect either one- or two-year programs plus licensure. Particular program opportunities (and funding) may be available depending on content concentration (e.g., Noyce Program for STEM candidates, Patterson RAPS internships for ELA specialists).

Career Paths

Secondary Education graduates hold teaching positions both nationally and internationally. They find jobs in public, private, and charter schools—typically the jobs they want in the places they prefer. Most secondary education graduates move eventually into positions as teacher leaders that enable them to mentor other and to advocate for students and for the profession. Some graduates are affiliated with nonprofit institutes.



What Our Graduates Say

“The M.Ed. licensure program at Peabody connected me with experienced, knowledgeable educators in Metro Nashville who shared meaningful insights into teaching as a practice and profession in addition to becoming valuable colleagues and members of my educator network.”

—Zach Fox, M.Ed.'14,
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Antioch High School,
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