



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Special Education Program

SPECIAL EDUCATION PREK-8 PENNSYLVANIA ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION

PA Instructional Level I Additional Certification in Special Education PreK-8 (23 credits minimum)

This 23-credit (minimum) certification program is designed for graduate students seeking Pennsylvania additional certification as Special Education PreK-8 teachers. The following PA certificate holders may enroll in a Special Education PreK-8 program: N-3, K-6, PreK-4, 4-8, K-12, and Reading Specialist. The mission of this special education program is to prepare highly qualified educators who are not only skilled practitioners, but also leaders in establishing effective teaching and learning environments for individuals with disabilities in their schools and communities.

Students are expected to have completed the equivalent of each of the three courses listed below. If a student lacks one of these courses, he or she will be required to complete it before going out on the intensive teaching experience.

SPED 332	Education and Inclusion of Individuals with Special Needs	3
SPED 405	Principles and Applications of K-12 Assessment	3
SPED 409	K-12 Classroom Environment and Management	3

Program of Study (23 credits minimum)

Core Course Work (15 credits)

SPED 404	Diversity, Families, and School Collaborations in K-12	3
SPED 418	Alternative Curricular Approaches	3
SPED 432	Positive Behavior Support	3
SPED 452	Assessment in Special Education	3
SPED 465	Advanced Inclusionary Practices in K-12	3

Course Work in the Area of Specialization (6 credits)

SPED 411	Early Childhood Education	3
SPED 419	Academic Interventions: PreK-8	3

Intensive Teaching Experience (2 credits)

SPED 420	Field Experience: Special Education Certification	2
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Pennsylvania Department of Education Requirements for Teacher Certification

It is important for individuals considering teaching as a career to be aware of the fairly rigorous academic, health, and personal character requirements for teacher certification that are required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for teacher candidates statewide:

- An overall GPA of at least 3.0 (both graduate and undergraduate)
- Clearances. See [Office of Teacher Certification \(OTC\)](http://coe.lehigh.edu/otc/overview) <http://coe.lehigh.edu/otc/overview>
- Refer to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for information on [Pennsylvania Certification](#)

To learn more about the program

Visit [Special Education](#)

Contact the Special Education Program Director

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Admission Requirements & Deadlines

See: [Apply for Admission](#)

<http://coe.lehigh.edu/admissions/apply>

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