



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
Special Education Program

**MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PENNSYLVANIA  
ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**

M.Ed. and PA Instructional Level I Certification in Special Education PreK-8 or Special Education 7-12 (32 credits minimum)

This teacher preparation program is designed for the college graduate who, as an undergraduate or post-graduate, has received initial certification in general education and who is interested in pursuing additional certification in special education. The mission of this 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. The program leads to a M.Ed. degree in Special Education and an instructional certificate that qualifies the candidate to teach either Special Education PreK-8 or Special Education 7-12 in the public schools of Pennsylvania. PA certification is widely accepted nationwide under reciprocity agreements with many other states.

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 following PA certificate holders may enroll in a Special Education 7-12 program: 7-12, K-12, and Reading Specialist.

**Core Course Work (18 credits)**

- SPED (TLT) 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)
- SPED 429. Professional Seminar (3)

**Course Work in the Area of Specialization (6 credits in one of the following two areas)**

Special Education PreK-8 Certification (6 credits)

- SPED (TLT) 411. Early Childhood Education (3)
- SPED 419. Academic Interventions: PreK-8 (3)

Special Education 7-12 Certification (6 credits)

- SPED 421. Academic Interventions: Secondary Level (3)
- SPED 423. Transition to Post-school Life (3)

**Special Education or Related Area Electives (6 credits with approval of the adviser)**

- EDL 432. Special Education Law (3)
- EDL 479. School Law and Ethics (3)
- SCHP 412. Consultation Procedures (2); co-requisite SCHP 431 (1-3)
- SCHP 426. Advanced School and Family Interventions (3)
- SPED (SCHP) 402. Applied Behavior Analysis (3)
- SPED 330. Special Topics in Special Education: Autism (1-3)
- SPED 338. Emotional and Behavioral Disorders of Children (3)
- SPED 440. Early Academic Intervention (3)
- SPED course work in the alternative area of specialization (e.g., PreK-8 or 7-12)
- TLT methods courses

**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. Each such course may be applied toward the degree as an adviser-approved elective.**

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

**Intensive Teaching Experience (2 credits)**

- SPED 420. Field Experience: Special Education Certification (2)

## **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 <https://coe.lehigh.edu/otc/college-education-clearances-policy>
- Testing Requirements in Pennsylvania. See: [http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/testing\\_requirements/8638](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/testing_requirements/8638)

### **Learn more about the Special Education program**

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### **Online Application, Requirements & Deadlines**

<http://coe.lehigh.edu/admissions/apply/deadlines-requirements>

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