COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Teaching, Learning, and Technology Program

FIVE-YEAR BACHELOR’S PLUS MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SECONDARY EDUCATION AND PENNSYLVANIA TEACHER CERTIFICATION
Bachelor’s plus Master of Education (M.Ed.) and PA Instructional Level I Teacher Certification (33 credits min.)

B.A. or B.S. plus Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Secondary Education and Pennsylvania teacher certification eligibility. This 33-credit (minimum) program of study prepares students for certification as teachers in one of the subject areas below:

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Program of Study for General Education 7-12 Certification Only (33 credits)

Core Course Work (15 credits)

- SPED 332 Education and Inclusion of Individuals with Special Needs 3
- TLT 404 Diversity, Families, and School Collaborations in K-12 3
- TLT 405 Principles and Applications of K-12 Assessment 3
- TLT 407 Instructional Design for K-12 Classrooms 3
- TLT 409 K-12 Classroom Environment and Management 3

Development of Professional Skills (12 credits)

Content-area teaching methods course with the approval of your adviser (one of the following):

- TLT 431 Social Studies in Middle Level and High School Education 3
- TLT 434 English in Middle Level and High School Education 3
- TLT 436 Science in Middle Level and High School Education 3
- TLT 438 Mathematics in Middle Level and High School Education 3

Plus:

- TLT 432 Reading and Critical Thinking in Middle Level and High School Education 3
- SPED 465 Advanced Inclusionary Practices in K-12 3
- TLT XXX Elective (with advisor approval) 3

Extended Field Experiences (6-9 credits)

- TLT 440 Pre-professional Seminar 3
- TLT 444 General Education Student Teaching and Seminar 3-6

Distribution of coursework across undergraduate and graduate study:

Sophomore Year (3 credit hours)
Junior Year (6 credit hours)
Senior Year (6 credit hours)
College of Education - Summer (6 credits)
College of Education - Fall (9 credits)
College of Education - Spring (3-6 credits)

Those accepted will begin education classes during the second semester of their sophomore year. Although any student can apply to the program, in order to finish in 5 years, the student's major must be tightly aligned to the intended area of certification. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 each semester and have attained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 by the end of the fall semester senior year in order to continue on to the fifth year.
The University requires that master’s degrees carry at least 30 credits minimum. This means students in the 5-year program must have credits “left over” from their bachelor’s program to move across to the College of Education to put toward their master’s degree. Students unable to accrue enough credits outside their undergraduate degree programs may need to take additional credits after beginning graduate study to reach the requirement.

In order to be eligible for secondary certification, by the time a student finishes the program he or she must have demonstrated competence in the subject matter area of that certification. Each student upon admission meets with the content-area specialist in the field in which that student seeks secondary certification. The content-area specialist, who is a faculty member in the College of Arts and Sciences, reviews the student’s transcripts and compares that student’s coursework with the content-area guide sheet approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Following this audit, the content-area specialist will identify what additional coursework in the content-area is needed, if any. The student is responsible for completing this coursework prior to applying for secondary certification.

Students in this program who wish to obtain the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree rather than the M.Ed. degree may petition to change to that degree after admission to graduate study. The M.A. degree requires 42 credits instead of 33 credits and has specific content-area expertise requirements. See the M.A. degree description for its requirements.

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
- Refer to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for information on Pennsylvania Certification

To learn more about the program see: Five-Year Program at http://coe.lehigh.edu/academics/degrees/5year

If you have questions contact the TLT Program Director:

See TLT Program Director or email TLTProgram@Lehigh.edu

Application Requirements & Deadlines:

Undergraduate students at Lehigh with a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA can apply for permission to take education classes in the Five-Year program. To request an application contact the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Program at email djt2@lehigh.edu.

Seniors admitted to the Five-Year program will need to apply during the fall semester to the graduate Elementary Education or Secondary Education program for the Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree and teacher certification (fifth year). The application deadline is December 1 to apply for the summer semester after the expected bachelor’s degree graduation:
See: Online Graduate Application

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