



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Special Education Program

MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.ED.) IN SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION 7-12 AND GENERAL EDUCATION 7-12 DUAL PENNSYLVANIA TEACHER CERTIFICATION

M.Ed. and PA Instructional Level I Certification in Special Education 7-12 and General Education 7-12 Dual Certification (M.Ed. 30 credits minimum; M.Ed. and Dual Certification 45 credits)

This 30-credit (minimum) master's program is designed for students seeking Pennsylvania certification as Special Education 7-12 teachers (with dual certification eligibility).

Students seeking dual certification in general education 7-12 (initial certification) and Special Education 7-12 (additional certification) must complete an additional 15 credits. These courses/credits are required to be eligible for dual certification but are not part of the master's program in Special Education. The general education program of study prepares students for certification as secondary content-area teachers in one of the subject areas below:

Biology 7-12	English 7-12	Physics 7-12
Chemistry 7-12	General Science 7-12	Social Studies 7-12
Earth and Space Science 7-12	Mathematics 7-12	

Program of Study

Coursework for M.Ed. (30 credits)

SPED 332	Education and Inclusion of Individuals with Special Needs	3
SPED 404	Diversity, Families, and School Collaborations in K-12	3
SPED 405	Principles and Applications of K-12 Assessment	3
SPED 409	K-12 Classroom Environment and Management	3
SPED 418	Alternative Curricular Approaches	3
SPED 421	Academic Interventions: Secondary Level	3
SPED 423	Transition to Post-school Life	3
SPED 432	Positive Behavior Support	3
SPED 452	Assessment in Special Education	3
SPED 465	Advanced Inclusionary Practices in K-12	3

Additional Coursework for Dual Certification in General Education 7-12 and Special Education 7-12 (9 credits)

TLT 407	Instructional Design for K-12 Classrooms	3
TLT 432	Reading and Critical Thinking in Middle Level and High School Education	3
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

Extended Field Experience for Dual Certification in General Education 7-12 and Special Education 7-12 (6 credits)

TLT 440	Pre-professional Seminar	3
SPED 442	General Education and Special Education Student Teaching and Seminar	3

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](#)

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Admission Requirements & Deadlines

See: [Apply for Admission](#)

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

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