



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
Special Education Program

**MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.ED.) IN SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION PREK-8 AND PREK-4 DUAL PENNSYLVANIA TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

M.Ed. and PA Instructional Level I Certification in Special Education PreK-8 and PreK-4 Dual Certification (M.Ed. 30 credits minimum; M.Ed. and Dual Certification 54 credits)

This 30-credit (minimum) master's program is designed for students seeking Pennsylvania certification as Special Education PreK-8 teachers (with dual certification eligibility).

Students seeking dual certification in general education PreK-4 (initial certification) and Special Education PreK-8 (additional certification) must complete an additional 24 credits. These courses/credits are required to be eligible for dual certification but are not part of the master's program in Special Education.

**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 411	Early Childhood Education	3
SPED 418	Alternative Curricular Approaches	3
SPED 419	Academic Interventions: PreK-8	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 PreK-4 and Special Education PreK-8 (21 credits)**

TLT 380	Child Development and Cognition	3
TLT 407	Instructional Design for K-12 Classrooms	3
TLT 412	Social Studies in PreK through 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3
TLT 420	Reading and Literacy in PreK through 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3
TLT 422	Language Arts in PreK through 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3
TLT 426	Science in PreK through 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3
TLT 428	Mathematics and Numeracy in PreK through 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3

**Extended Field Experience for Dual Certification in PreK-4 and Special Education PreK-8 (3 credits)**

SPED 442	General Education and Special Education Student Teaching and Seminar	3
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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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