

Frequently Asked Questions

about the Teacher Certification Program

I have a bachelor's degree and want to become a certified teacher. Now what?

You need to have a major in the discipline you wish to teach to be able to apply for secondary certification. You can apply for elementary certification with any major offered at Muhlenberg College.

Is Education a major at Muhlenberg College?

No. Our students become certified to teach, but do not major in Education.

Can I be certified in both secondary and elementary education?

Yes.

When are classes offered?

Our teacher certification classes will be available both in the day and evening; however, fieldwork in the public schools is required and must be done during the regular school day. Student teaching is only available during the day.

Are there minimum GPA requirements?

Yes, an overall GPA of 3.0 is required. A 2.5 GPA is needed in the major (a 3.0 GPA is required for Foreign Languages majors); and a 2.75 in Education courses.

How many courses will I need?

You will need 12 Education courses for the Elementary Pennsylvania teacher certification and 9 Education courses for the Secondary teacher certification. In addition, there are cognate courses required by the state.

How long is it going to take for certification?

Generally, not less than 3 full semesters.

Are Education courses offered in the summer?

Teacher certification classes are not offered in the summer because of fieldwork requirements. However, cognates and major courses are offered.

Are there any state or national exams?

Yes. Students must take the PRAXIS Exams required by Pennsylvania.

What kind of financial aid is available?

Financial aid is available for those who meet federal financial aid eligibility requirements.

Can I teach in other states with a PA teaching certificate?

We have reciprocity with most states, but you must apply to each state Department of Education for their certificate.

How do I enter the teacher certification program?

Please contact offices at The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College at 484-664-3300 or visit us online at www.muhlenberg.edu/wescoe to set up an appointment with our program coordinator.

