



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM (sophomore year start)

B.A. or B.S. plus Master of Education (M.Ed.) and PA Certification (46 credits minimum)

This program is designed for the Lehigh undergraduate. Its focus is the development of the intern's understanding of the aims and curricula of elementary or early middle level schools, the purposes and methods employed in teaching children, basic principles of research and testing, and the techniques of gathering and analyzing educational data. The intern completes a specified program, bears major responsibility for a teaching experience in a supervised practicum, and participates in methodology seminars, being supervised throughout by Lehigh University faculty members.

The elementary teacher intern program leads to an M.Ed. degree in elementary education and to an Instructional I certificate that qualifies the candidate to teach in the public schools of Pennsylvania. PA Certification is widely accepted nationwide under reciprocity agreements with many other states. In addition to meeting the requirements for the bachelor's degree, students must take the following:

Sophomore Year (3 credit hours)

TLT 314: Seminar in Elementary and Secondary Education (3 cr., Spring)

Junior Year (4 credit hours)

TLT 408: Development, Classroom Management and Assessment for Elementary Teachers (3 cr., taken concurrently with TLT 312)

TLT 312: Classroom Practice (1 cr., taken concurrently with TLT 408)

Senior Year (12 credit hours)

TLT 406: Tools for Teaching and Learning (3 cr., Fall)

TLT XXX: Required Methods Course (3 cr., Fall)

TLT 407: Designing for Teaching and Learning (3 cr., Spring)

TLT XXX: Required Methods Course (3 cr., Spring)

NOTE: You will need to have at least 3 "extra" education credits (up to 12) beyond your bachelor's degree requirements to apply toward the master's degree. Upon admission to the College of Education, you should see the TLT Program Coordinator about petitioning for permission to apply your 3-12 extra credits to your master's degree program.

College of Education - Summer (12 credits)

Educ 471: Diversity and Multicultural Perspectives (3 cr.)

SpEd 332: Education and Inclusion for Individuals with Special Needs (3 cr.)

TLT XXX: Required Methods Course (3 cr.)

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College of Education - Fall (9 credits)

TLT 440: Pre-professional Seminar (3 cr.)

TLT XXX: Required Methods Course (3 cr.)

TLT XXX: Elective (3 cr.)

College of Education - Spring (6 credits)

TLT 442: Intern Teaching (3 cr.) [Prerequisite: TLT 440]

TLT 444: Intern Teaching Seminar (3 cr.)

Required Methods Courses:

TLT 412: Social Studies in Elementary Education

TLT 420: Reading in Elementary Education

TLT 422: Language Arts in Elementary Education

TLT 426: Science in Elementary Education

TLT 428: Mathematics in Elementary Education

Elective Courses: Any elective courses taken must be with the approval of the student's academic advisor.

Additional Certification in Special Education is also an option for students *currently enrolled or recently graduated* from Lehigh's elementary education certification program. Contact the TLT Program Director for additional information.

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 for teacher candidates statewide:

- An overall GPA of at least 3.0 (both graduate and undergraduate).
- A minimum of 6 undergraduate credits in mathematics, 3 credits in English composition, and 3 credits in English/American literature.
- An undergraduate course work audit by content area specialist in the certification area.
- Passing scores on the PRAXIS (NTE) Tests (Level I and Intern certificates) in all subject areas prior to student teaching.
- Submission upon matriculation and yearly renewal of all of the following clearances:
 - Mantoux Tuberculosis Screening or chest X-ray
 - FBI Federal Criminal History Record (Act 114)
 - Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Records Check (Act 34)
 - Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Act 151)

Before the teacher candidate will be placed in the schools as part of his/her certification or degree program, the Mantoux or chest X-ray must be **negative** and all 3 required criminal background checks must indicate that “**no record exists.**” This documentation must be presented for verification and copying to the Coordinator of the Office of Teacher Certification and Field Placements (OTC&FP) upon matriculation into a teacher education academic program and must be renewed yearly while pursuing your studies. Additional information about our clearances policy can be found on our website at <http://www.lehigh.edu/education/tlt/clearances.html>

Additional Notes:

- ✓ **Graduate Course Clearance for Undergraduates:** Every semester while still an undergraduate, 5-year students must get permission to register for graduate-level courses. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 is required for undergraduates to be cleared to take graduate education courses. Your College of Education advisor can help you plan your classes and process your Education course clearance(s). You will be sent an email when you have been cleared to register for your class(es). A maximum of 6 Education credits may be taken per semester while enrolled as an undergraduate student.
- ✓ **Application to Graduate School:** By December 1st of your Senior Year, 5-year students should apply for admittance into the College of Education's graduate programs. Your application should include: data sheet, application fee, essay, 2 letters of recommendation (*not from TLT faculty*), and any non-Lehigh undergraduate transcripts (if applicable). A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 is required for admission as a regular graduate student to the master's/certification program. A maximum of 12 credits may be transferred (by petition) from the undergraduate program and used toward the master's degree. Only courses taken beyond the B.A./B.S. degree requirements will be considered and must be approved by the College of Education and the Registrar's Office.
- ✓ **Financial Support:** There are a limited number of scholarships available through the Department of Education and Human Services. Scholarship applications are available from the TLT Program Coordinator.
- ✓ **President's Scholars Information:** Anyone who finishes their undergraduate program with a 3.75 GPA or better and at least 90 credits taken at Lehigh, qualifies for 12 months of tuition-remission for further undergraduate or graduate coursework at Lehigh. Additional information is available at <http://www.lehigh.edu/~inrgs/PresidentsScholarAward.shtml>

Lehigh University's College of Education Programs in Teaching, Learning, and Technology

The College of Education is a nationally ranked graduate school at Lehigh University, a private institution located in the Lehigh Valley between Philadelphia and New York City. Lehigh actively recruits a diverse student body and welcomes inquiries from all interested students. For more information about our Teaching, Learning, and Technology programs, and how to apply contact:

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