



POST-BACHELOR'S ELEMENTARY TEACHER INTERN PROGRAM

Master of Education (M.Ed.) and PA Instructional Level I Certificate (K-6) (42 credit hours min.)

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. The program is designed for the college graduate who, as an undergraduate, specialized in a field other than education and who is capable of beginning his or her study of professional practice at an advanced level. PA Certification is widely accepted nationwide under reciprocity agreements with many other states.

The focus of the program 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. This program can be completed in 42 credit hours.

Program of Study:

Core Skills (6 credit hours)

TLL 406: Tools for Teaching and Learning (3 cr.)

TLL 407: Designing for Teaching and Learning (3 cr.)

Development of Professional Skills (21 credit hours)

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

TLL 408: Development, Classroom Management and Assessment for Elementary Teachers (3 cr.)

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

TLL XXX: Elective with approval of advisor (3 cr.)

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

TLL 442: Intern Teaching (3 cr.)

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Subject and Skill Area (15 credit hours)

TLL 412: Social Studies in Elementary Education (3 cr.)

TLL 420: Reading in Elementary Education (3 cr.)

TLL 422: Language Arts in Elementary Education (3 cr.)

TLL 426: Science in Elementary Education (3 cr.)

TLL 428: Mathematics in Elementary Education (3 cr.)

***NOTE:** Additional Certification in Special Education is also an option for students *currently enrolled* or *recently graduated* from Lehigh's elementary education certification program. See <http://www.lehigh.edu/education/tll/> or contact the TLL Program Coordinator for additional information (contact information below).

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.**” These forms must be submitted upon matriculation into a teacher education academic program and must be renewed yearly while pursuing your studies. Forms are available from the TLT Program Secretary, Iacocca Hall, Room A108. Additional information about our clearances policy can be found on our website at <http://www.lehigh.edu/education/tlt>

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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