



## POST-BACHELOR'S SECONDARY TEACHER INTERN PROGRAM

Master of Education (M.Ed.) or Master of Arts (M.A.) and PA Instructional Level I Certificate (33-45 credit hours min.)

The secondary teacher intern program leads to a master's degree in secondary 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. The degree and certification program requires 36-45 semester hours minimum. PA Certification is widely accepted nationwide under reciprocity agreements with many other states.

Students may pursue either the Master of Education (M.Ed.) in secondary education or the Master of Arts (M.A.) in secondary education track. The M.Ed. track comprises the “core skills” plus the “development of professional skills” courses, below, for a total of thirty-three (33) credits. The M.A. track adds a block of twelve (12) credits of advanced work in a teaching specialty. For example, a social sciences teacher may select courses from anthropology, psychology, and sociology; a science teacher may select course work from the natural and physical sciences. Other areas of emphasis include English and mathematics.

### 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 (27 credit hours)

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

TLL 409: Development, Classroom Management and Assessment for Secondary Teachers (3 cr.)

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

TLL 432: Reading and Critical Thinking in Middle Level and High School Education (3 cr.)

TLL XXX: Special Methods course with approval of your advisor (3 cr.)

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

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

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

TLL 444: Intern Teaching Seminar (3 cr.) [taken with TLL 442]

### Teaching Field (12 credit hours-M.A. degree only)

Twelve (12) credits are required for the M.A. degree, and these courses must be taken from Lehigh departments outside the College of Education (at the 200 level and above).

## 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.

### 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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