



Master of Education

Whether you wish to work with preschoolers, elementary school students, adolescents, second language learners, or children with special needs, Holy Family University's School of Education offers graduate students a variety of study options to fit their career goals and interests. Our state-approved, accredited graduate programs are ideal for experienced teachers seeking additional certification or career changers who wish to become teachers.

Academic Programs

Initial teacher certification programs are designed for individuals with an undergraduate degree in a field other than education. While earning a Master's degree, students also meet the state certification requirements.

Early Elementary Education (Pre-Kindergarten–Grade 4)

This program certifies students to teach in Pre-K and early elementary classrooms. Undergraduate course requirements are English composition, English literature, two math courses, and a U.S. history course.

Middle Level Education (Grades 4–8)

Middle level certifications are available in English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. You can also combine the following: Science/Social Studies, Math/Science, Math/English, Math/Social Studies, or Science/English. Undergraduate coursework in the content area may be required.

Secondary Education (Grades 7–12)

Secondary education certifications are available in Art, Biology, Chemistry, English, French, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Spanish. All secondary education majors will need to complete undergraduate coursework in English composition, English literature, and College math.

Master of Education (General)

The general master's degree is designed for those educators seeking an opportunity to study new areas of education and expand their coursework in areas of special interest. This program does not lead to Level I teacher certification.

Master of Education with electives leading to Early Childhood Education certification

This certification is designed for currently certified teachers who are interested in learning more about educating the young child (pre-kindergarten through third grade).

Master of Education with certification in Special Education

This program is designed for those with prior teaching certification in Pennsylvania seeking an additional certificate in Special Education (CBP/HD: cognitive, behavioral, physical/health).

Master of Education in Special Education—Advanced Practice

This program is designed for students who have certification in Special Education (PA MPH or CBP/DH) and wish to complete a graduate degree that includes advanced courses in Special Education.

Master of Education Degree in Education Leadership (with PA Principal certification or Principal certification with no degree)

These programs are designed for those individuals with a valid teaching certificate, at least three years of professional school experience, and a strong desire to accept the challenge as an educational leader in either an elementary or secondary school. Candidates who already have an earned master's degree can enter the program for Principal certification only.

Master of Education with PA Reading Specialist certification or Reading Specialist certification with no degree

For the experienced teacher already holding a teaching certificate, this program offers an opportunity to learn new ways to assist students in learning to read, write, and communicate effectively.

Reading Supervisor certification

This program is for those individuals with a master's degree in reading and five years of professional school experience in that field. The certificate entitles a person to function between school administration and certified professional staff of a public school in developing, implementing, and supervising the K-12 reading program.

Master of Education in TESOL and Literacy

Students in this program will gain a strong foundation in theories of reading and writing in a first and second language, as well as practical knowledge about how to help ESL students succeed. This program is open to all applicants, but if you wish to obtain an ESL Program Specialist Certificate, you must hold a valid Pennsylvania Instructional I or II certificate.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Specialist PA Certificate for Teachers

Holy Family has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to offer the English as a Second Language (ESL) Pennsylvania Program Specialist Certificate to qualified Pennsylvania teachers. Candidates for this certificate must hold a valid Pennsylvania Instructional I or II certificate to be eligible for this program.

Special Education certification

A student with a valid Pennsylvania Instructional I certificate may enroll in coursework to qualify for the Special Education K-12 certification.

Autism Endorsement

This program does not require a prior teaching certificate and is open to anyone who works with autistic individuals. The coursework addresses the needs and challenges of learners with autism spectrum disorder.



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