Step 1: Decide which age group and/or subject you wish to teach.  

Your choices are:

Early Elementary Education (Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 4)  
Requires 12 graduate courses for a total of 37 credits.

Middle Level Education (Grades 4–8)  
Middle level certifications available are 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 course requirements are twelve undergraduate credits in the area of concentration or a passing score on the Praxis exam in the area of concentration. Graduate course requirements are 15 courses for a total of 37 credits.

Secondary Education (Grades 7–12)  
Secondary education certifications available are Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Social Studies.  
Art, French, and Spanish are K–12 certification.

Undergraduate transcripts will be reviewed for subject area courses. Graduate course requirements are 11 courses for a total of 37 credits.

Special education certification can be completed once an initial certification program has been completed.

Step 2: Pass the required tests for your program

Depending on your program, testing will be required in order to become a certified teacher. For information about required testing, contact your academic advisor at 267-341-3673.

Step 3: Student teaching

All candidates for teacher certification must complete one semester of student teaching. This is a full-time, daytime commitment which will be supervised by Holy Family faculty.

Step 4: Applying for a teaching certificate

Once you have completed all required undergraduate and graduate coursework, received passing scores on the appropriate Praxis tests, and completed the student teaching semester, you will be eligible to apply for a Level I teaching certificate.  
The teacher certification program at Holy Family University is self-paced. Traditionally, classes meet one night a week during the Fall and Spring semesters and twice a week during the summer semesters. Blended courses consisting of online and classroom meetings are also available. Most students complete the certification process in two years.