Post-Baccalaureate Certification — Administered by the College of Education

(for those students desiring certification only)

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INSTRUCTIONAL CERTIFICATION

Instructional certification areas are available for individuals who already possess a baccalaureate degree and who are interested only in obtaining an initial certification, or in extending their present certification to include another field.

Post-Baccalaureate Certification areas include:

Art Education
Elementary Education
Early Childhood Education
Library Science
Music Education
Nursing

Secondary Education
· Communication
· English
· Mathematics
· Physics & Mathematics

Secondary Education – Citizenship
· Civics & Government
· Geography & History

Secondary Education – Earth/Space Science
· Astronomy
· Geology
· Marine Science

Secondary Education – General Science
· Biology
· Chemistry
· Earth-Space Science
· Physics

Secondary Education – Foreign Languages
· French

· Spanish

Secondary Education – Social Sciences
· Anthropology
· Psychology
· Sociology

Secondary Education – Social Studies
· Anthropology
· Civics & Government
· Geography
· History
· Psychology
· Sociology

Special Education
· Mentally/Physically Handicapped
· Visually Impaired

Special Education – Extension
· Mentally/Physically Handicapped
· Visually Impaired

A bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution of higher learning with a minimum of 3.00 cumulative grade point average is required in order to be eligible for consideration for these programs. Accepted students must begin their work in the semester for which they are accepted, and they have one semester in which to pass the Praxis I series of assessments in reading, writing, and mathematics. Official scores must be sent to Kutztown University. Application deadlines are July 1st for Fall admission and November 15th for Spring admission. Participants in the program have a maximum of six calendar years to complete all course work listed in their individualized Program of Study. The course of study is a daytime program that will require one or two full-time field assignments, depending on each student's transcript evaluation. Students will not be placed into fieldwork / clinical experience without clear criminal background checks.

Individuals required to take clinical experience must inform the Field Experiences and Outreach Office/Beekey Bldg, Room 224/(610) 683-4256 the semester prior to the one in which they intend to do their clinical experience. The established and enforced deadlines are as follows: Fall Semester student teaching by February 15; Spring Semester student teaching by October 1. Students must have their Praxis II series of examinations completed with official scores at Kutztown University prior to the semester in which they plan to do clinical experience. Failure to meet these guidelines and deadlines will result in a delay of the clinical experience semester.

At the beginning of the last semester, each student must contact the certification secretary in order to complete the appropriate paper work to ensure timely processing of the certificate application.

A Teacher Intern Program currently is available for eligible individuals interested in initial certification. Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree in the area in which certification is desired, have passed all appropriate Praxis II examinations, and must have at least five years of professional experience in the same or related field. While serving as a Teacher Intern in a school, students in this program have three years to complete the course requirements. Interviews and letters of evaluation are required as part of the expanded application process for this specialized program.