



MASTERS OF ARTS IN EDUCATION Plus Teacher Certification



MASTER'S PLUS PROGRAM

Villanova University's Master's Plus Certification program is designed to prepare you quickly but effectively for a new and rewarding career as a high-quality educator. The program is a full-time cohort program that allows you to become certified in secondary school teaching and rewards the student with a Master's in Education in one year. It is also possible to complete the program on a part-time basis over two academic years and two summers.

Through a blend of innovative educational theory and real-world experience, the Master's Plus Certification program is designed to produce superior classroom educators for our nation's students and schools. The curriculum explores educational theory and pedagogy, provides instruction in assessment and research, and grounds classroom theory in field placements, including a full-time student-teaching experience. Our dynamic staff of professors and administrators is made up of renowned educators dedicated to your student learning experience.

Students will leave the program with a wide repertoire of effective pedagogical tools which apply learning theory and are suited to the teaching discipline. They will learn to apply research to improve teaching practice and understand current realities in secondary schools. They will develop the inclination to continue their own professional learning through reflective practice and collaboration with colleagues.

Beginning in the summer, this program permits prospective teachers to complete their graduate and certification requirements in just 12 months. Applications are considered and evaluated on a rolling basis.

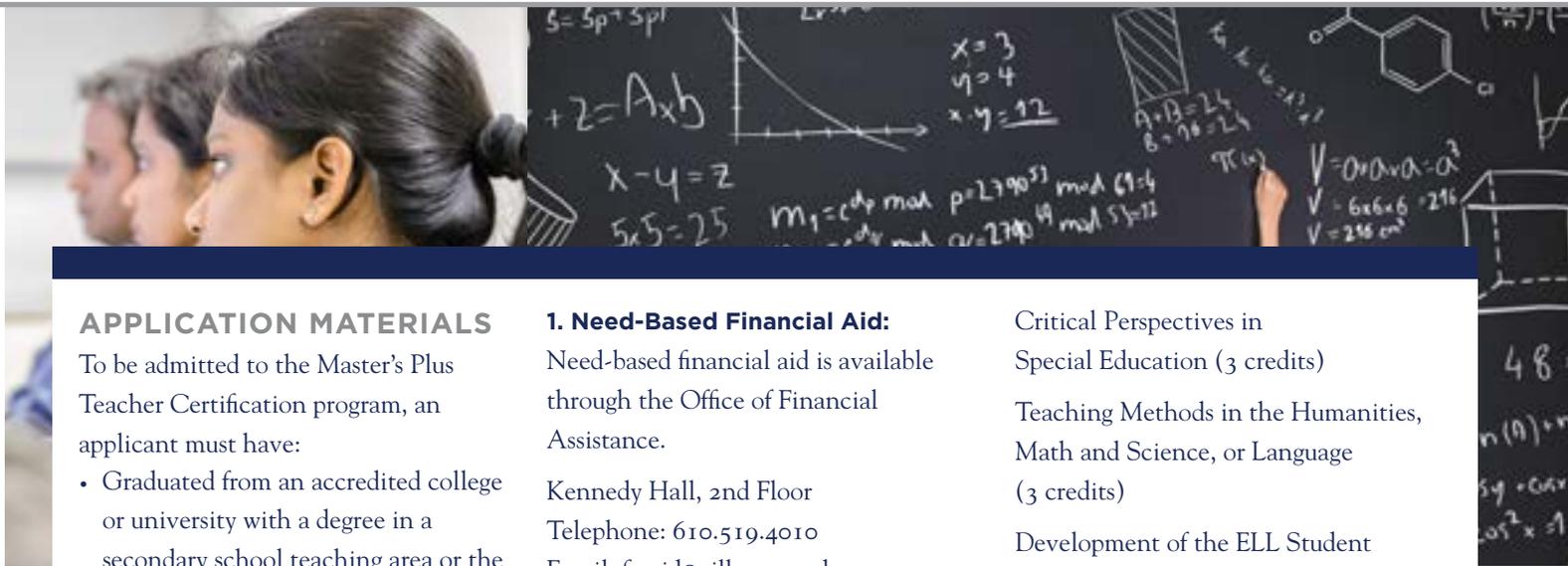
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:

"With any challenge I have met as an educator, I have been able to fall back on my own education from Villanova."
—Conor Lynch

"The program was invaluable. I could not have made a career switch so readily without the benefits the program provided."
—Keith MacConnell

"Graduate school and teacher certification programs are intensive, but being a part of a cohort made it so much easier. I immediately had 15 other people who were having the same successes and struggles that I was having. It felt great to be part of a community like that."
—Emily Triebwasser

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APPLICATION MATERIALS

To be admitted to the Master's Plus Teacher Certification program, an applicant must have:

- Graduated from an accredited college or university with a degree in a secondary school teaching area or the equivalent coursework*
 - Received an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - Submitted scores from the Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) Note: this requirement is waived for candidates holding a Master's degree.
 - Completed the online application
 - Submitted all transcripts from colleges or universities attended to the Office of Graduate Studies at Villanova University
 - Submitted three letters of recommendation
- * If your undergraduate major is different than your preferred teaching area, additional prerequisite courses will be necessary

Please compare your coursework with the Subject Area Course requirements listed on gradededucation.villanova.edu.

FINANCIAL AID

There are two options available for individuals seeking financial aid in order to attend a graduate program in the Department of Education and Counseling.

1. Need-Based Financial Aid:

Need-based financial aid is available through the Office of Financial Assistance.

Kennedy Hall, 2nd Floor
Telephone: 610.519.4010
Email: finaid@villanova.edu

2. Graduate Assistantships:

The Department of Education and Counseling offers a limited number of part-time graduate assistantships for full-time students. Part-time assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis and offer tuition waivers for up to six credits per semester. In return, assistants are required to provide 10 hours of service to the department per week, from September through February. For best consideration for a Graduate Assistantship, students should submit all application materials by February 1.

REQUIRED COURSES

- Adolescent Psychology (3 credits)
- History of American Education (3 credits)
- Educational Research (3 credits)
- Philosophy of Education (3 credits)
- Multiculturalism, Gender and Inclusion in Schools (3 credits)
- Curriculum and Assessment (3 credits)

- Critical Perspectives in Special Education (3 credits)
- Teaching Methods in the Humanities, Math and Science, or Language (3 credits)
- Development of the ELL Student (3 credits)
- Student Teaching (6 credits)
- Student Teaching Seminar (1 credit)

ABOUT VILLANOVA

Villanova University is an Augustinian Catholic institution of higher education, located less than 20 minutes from Philadelphia. Villanova provides a comprehensive education rooted in the liberal arts; a shared commitment to the Augustinian ideals of truth, unity and love; and a community dedicated to service to others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY:

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