Certification Subject Areas

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Course Sequence 2017/18

**Summer**
- Critical Perspectives in Education (3cr.)
- Multiculturalism, Gender, and Inclusion in Schools (3)
- Development of the English Language Learner (3)

**Fall**
- Teaching Methods of Content Area (3)
- Philosophy of Education (3)
- Adolescent Psychology (3)
- History of American Ed. (3)

**Spring**
- Educational Research (3)
- Curriculum and Assessment (3)
- Graduate Student Teaching (6)
- Student Teaching Seminar (1)

34 Credits Total

Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Can I complete the program part-time?
**A:** Yes, the program can be competed on a part-time basis.

**Q:** Can I begin the program in the fall as opposed to the summer?
**A:** Students are accepted into the program in the summer and fall semesters.

**Q:** Is there an online option?
**A:** No, all courses in the program are held on campus.

**Q:** Do you offer elementary certification?
**A:** No, the M+ program leads to secondary certification (Grades 7-12).

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“The love of knowledge and truth should invite us to continue learning. The love of others should compel us to teach.”

-St. Augustine of Hippo

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VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
Master of Arts in Education Plus Teacher Certification Program
Department of Education and Counseling
About the M+ Program

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Education Plus Teacher certification program at Villanova University, students obtain secondary certification (grades 7-12) in their chosen subject area in addition to a graduate degree in Education.

Through a blend of innovative educational theory and real-world experience, the Master’s Plus Certification program is designed to prepare superior classroom educators. 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 cadre of professors and administrators is comprised of compassionate educators dedicated to your professional learning experience.

Candidates 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 also acquire a robust understanding of how to advocate for their students within a broader policy context. Finally, they will develop the inclination to continue their own professional learning through reflective practice and collaboration with colleagues.

Financial Aid

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

1. **Need-Based Financial Aid** is available through the Office of Financial Assistance.

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2. **Graduate Assistantships:** The Department of Education and Counseling offers a limited number of part-time graduate assistantships for full-time students. Assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis and offer tuition waivers for up to 9 credits total. In return, assistants are required to provide 7 hours of service to the Department per week, from September through February. To be considered for an assistantship, students should submit all application materials by **February 1**.

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Admission Requirements

Applications are considered on a rolling basis for Summer and Fall admission. The following items comprise the admission requirements:

- An undergraduate degree in a secondary school teaching subject area, or the equivalent coursework*
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Online application
- All official transcripts from colleges or universities
- Three letters of recommendation (At least one academic)
- Statement of goals
- Application fee

* Additional prerequisite courses (or the Praxis II) may be necessary based on a student’s previous coursework. Students may email a copy of their unofficial transcript to Dr. Wojcik for a transcript review prior to applying.

The state of Pennsylvania requires that certified teachers are U.S. Citizens.

**Tuition Reduction for Educators:**
40% for those employed by Catholic schools
20% for those employed by non-Catholic schools

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