Graduate Certificate in Education

Earn a graduate certificate in Education from Villanova University. This 15-credit graduate certificate is designed for:

- post-baccalaureate students planning careers in education or related fields.
- current graduate students interested in improving their teaching skills and advancing in their chosen related field.
- current teachers who are working toward Level II certification (Level II certification requires a total of 24 credits. The additional 9 credits can be taken in a chosen subject area or can be counted towards the completion of a MA in Education).
- current teachers wishing to advance toward a MA in Education.

Program Objectives

- Demonstrate appropriate techniques for evaluating student achievement.
- Provide pedagogical and practical techniques to help students attain performance goals.
- Instruct students in planning lessons to meet curriculum goals.
- Educate students in the uses of classroom technology.
- Allow students to select elective courses in specific areas related to their individual needs, such as in special education, social studies, current issues and ethics, comparative education and the history or philosophy of Education.
- Inform students of Pennsylvania state standards, curriculum goals, and practices; show how these relate to classroom performance objectives.

Villanova offers a special tuition reduction for teachers and school administrators: 40% for those employed by Catholic schools and 20% for those employed by non-Catholic schools.

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Curriculum and Certificate Requirements
The number of credits required is 15; nine (9) credits must be fulfilled by the three required courses.

Required Courses (3):
EDU 8616  Methods of Teaching  
(Optional for State-Certified Teachers)
EDU 8679  Standards Aligned Systems and Curriculum
EDU 8561  Advanced Trends in Special Education

Electives (2):
EDU 8610  Current Issues in Education
EDU 8662  Trends in the Social Studies
EDU 8669  Comparative Education
EDU 8670  History of Education
EDU 8673  Philosophy of Education
EDU 8678  Multiculturalism, Gender, and Inclusion in Schools

Additional Elective Option: With the approval of the Chairperson of the Department of Education and Counseling, Education certificate students who are degree or certificate candidates in another Villanova Graduate Liberal Arts and Sciences program may use one course in that program to satisfy one elective in the Education certificate.

NOTE: No transfer credits from other institutions will be accepted for the Education certificate.

Admission Requirements
The program will be open to post-baccalaureate students who submit a satisfactory undergraduate transcript from an accredited institution of higher education. The GRE or MAT is not required for admission, but students must meet minimum GPA requirements. Candidates must also be of good character and legal standing. No letters of recommendation will be required.