Graduate Studies in EDUCATION

Build Your Future with a Master’s Degree or Certificate in Education
The Department of Education and Counseling offers several graduate programs designed to support a variety of career paths in the field of Education. These programs are designed for:

- Teachers who want to secure their future and advance their standing with a master’s degree in Education.
- Teachers who want to earn required credits towards Level II Certification.
- Teachers who want develop their leadership ability for expanded roles such as lead teacher, curriculum developer or department chairperson.
- Non-teachers who want to enter the field by earning a master’s degree in education plus teacher certification in Pennsylvania.
- Teachers who wish to complete a master’s degree and then enter a doctoral program.
- Teachers who want to take specific courses or earn continuing education credits through course work or certificates.

Choose the Program That Meets Your Goals
You may choose the graduate programs that meets your unique interests and career goals. Following is an overview of the programs offered and you will find complete details on curriculum and degree requirements for each online at education.villanova.edu.

Master of Arts in Education with Graduate Education Concentration
The Graduate Education Concentration is designed to help you: strengthen and update subject matter and professional knowledge, apply research to improve your teaching practice, and allow you to pursue areas of special interest. This is not a certification program but the coursework will prepare you to meet permanent certification in most states. The degree requires the completion of 30 graduate credits, three one-credit workshops and a comprehensive examination.

The following five required courses provide the foundation for your degree: Advanced Trends and Issues in Special Education, Educational Research, Assessment and Analysis, Standards Aligned Systems & Curriculum, and Philosophy Education. You may then choose from a range of elective programs that range from Current Issues American Education, Technology in Teaching and Methods of Teaching Writing, to Diagnosis of Reading Problems and Multiculturalism.

Master of Arts in Education with Teacher Leadership Concentration
The Teacher Leadership Concentration is designed for teachers who want to apply their knowledge and skill to the larger school community, but may not want to leave their classrooms to do so. This program will develop your leadership abilities and prepare you for such expanded roles as lead teacher, team leader, department chairperson, curriculum developer and a variety of other leadership positions. This is not a certification program but the coursework will prepare you to meet permanent certification in most states. The program requires 30 graduate credits and three one-credit workshops.
For the Teacher Leadership Concentration, you will complete the following required courses: Instructional Leadership, Education Policy Analysis, Politics of Education, and Topics in Education, Culture and Society, and approved electives.

**Master of Arts in Education Plus Teacher Certification**
The Master’s plus Certification is a cohort program that includes methods of teaching courses designed specifically for students interested in launching a career in teaching and obtaining secondary teacher certification. Over 63% of survey respondents who are alumni of this program reported finding employment within 2 months of graduating. Over 67% of respondents reported earning a salary of $40,000 per year or more in their first teaching position after completing the Master’s Plus program.

The curriculum explores educational theory and pedagogy, provides instruction in assessment and research, and grounds classroom theory in field placements with a full-time student-teaching experience. Courses begin in the summer and you can complete the program in 12 months. The degree requires 36 graduate credits, including those needed for certification. You will find complete details including curriculum and requirements for this program at education.villanova.edu.

**Certificate in Teacher Leadership**
You may complete a pre- or post-graduate certificate in Teacher Leadership with the completion of 15 credits. These credits may be applied towards the master’s degree.

**Explore Our Curriculum**
There are a variety of core and elective courses for each program. You will find a complete listing of courses online at education.villanova.edu.

**Why Choose Villanova for Graduate Education?**
- You will get a quality education at a competitive, affordable price.
- You have a choice of several degree and certificate options to meet your individual career goals.
- You will enjoy flexibility with part- or full-time study options, and evening and summer courses.
- Graduate assistantships are available.
- You will learn in small classes with supportive, full-time faculty who are experts in the field.
- You will have opportunities to present your work at professional conferences.

**Tuition Reduction for Teachers:**
Villanova offers special reduced tuition rates in all graduate liberal arts and science courses for primary- and secondary-school teachers and administrators. Public and private school teachers receive a 20% discount on tuition. Catholic school teachers receive a 40% discount on tuition.

**Our Recent Graduates Share Their Experiences**
“With any challenge I have met as an educator, I have been able to fall back on my own education from Villanova.”

“The program was invaluable. I could not have made a career switch so readily without the benefits the program provided.”