



## Master of Education (MEd) Initial Teacher Certification

### For those seeking teacher certification

This Rapid Degree Program is designed to provide individuals, who have undergraduate degrees in fields other than education, the opportunity to pursue a career in teaching grades PK – 4. While earning your MEd degree, you will also meet Pennsylvania state teacher certification requirements for PK – 4. Classes are offered in both a blended and online format as 8-week courses. Once completed you may choose to add on Grade 5 and Grade 6 certification through further testing.

### Upon completion of the program, you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the cognitive, emotional, physical and social development of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergartners, and children in the primary grades
- Design and implement a developmentally appropriate curriculum for all children
- Analyze the classroom environment to determine how it can be adapted to meet diverse needs of children
- Develop and implement appropriate formative and summative assessment strategies

### Admission Requirements

Applicants must submit the following for admission to the Master of Education or certification program:

- Non-refundable \$25.00 application fee
- Completed application form
- One official transcript from each undergraduate and graduate school attended
- Two recommendation forms/letters of reference
- 250 to 500-word personal statement discussing your interest in the education field, future professional plans, and goals
- An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with an undergraduate cumulative GPA less than 3.0 must submit the results of the GRE or MAT prior to being considered for admission.

### Graduates of Holy Family University Education programs are expected to:

- Commit to lifelong intellectual growth by demonstrating initiative as a learner and providing evidence of vibrant intellectual life
- Apply University core values and ethical principles
- Collaborate with colleagues in professional education communities
- Demonstrate content knowledge in their field of study and the effective use of technology for learning and teaching
- Meet the standards of the profession and continually improve their performance of professional responsibilities.
- Implement or facilitate constructivist teaching

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