

Education

Early Childhood PK–4

Middle Level 4–8

Secondary 7–12 and K–12

Special Education PK–8



School of Education

Holy Family is proud to offer students a highly supportive learning environment that values their personal and professional goals. Students in our Education program thrive in our small yet challenging learning environment. We believe in educating beyond the classroom and providing opportunities for hands-on experience, which is a key component of your college education.

Major Coursework

Early Childhood PK–4 Certification: You may seek certification in Early Childhood PK–4 education. Specific emphasis is placed on the cognitive, emotional, physical, and social development of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergartners, and children in the primary grades. Courses and field experiences in this program lead to the Pennsylvania Instructional I Certificate in PK–4, which enables you to teach preschool through grade 4. Program highlights include:

- Foundations of Education
- Child Development and Learning
- Educational Psychology
- Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- Engaging Learners Through the Arts
- Inclusive Education for All Learners
- Math, Science, Social Studies and Literacy Methods
- Positive Management Strategies

Middle Level 4–8 Certification: In addition to your core curriculum and major classes, you will focus on one or two subject concentrations and complete a variety of field experiences in local public and parochial schools, which enables you to teach in grades 4–8 with subject matter concentration in Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, or Language Arts and Reading. Upon graduation, Middle Level 4–8 education majors will qualify for the Pennsylvania Instructional I Certificate.

Dual concentrations are available in more than one area if coupled with science or mathematics. Program highlights include:

- Educational Psychology
- Reading and Language Arts
- Computer Use and Instructional Media
- Classroom Management
- Education Methods and Curriculum Content
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Middle Level concepts and philosophy

Partner School Districts

School districts working with our students include:

- Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Bensalem
- Bristol Borough
- Bristol Township
- Centennial
- Central Bucks
- Cinnaminson
- Council Rock
- Mount Laurel
- Neshaminy
- New Hope-Solebury
- Pennsauken
- Pennsbury
- School District of Philadelphia
- and many, many more

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Secondary Education Certification: Our Secondary Teacher Education program is designed to prepare you for a teaching career at the middle or high school level. You may specialize in Art Education K–12, Biology 7–12, English 7–12, Mathematics 7–12, or Social Studies 7–12. Upon graduation, you will qualify for the Pennsylvania Instructional I Certificate. Program highlights include:

- Psychology of Human Development
- Educational Psychology
- Reading Instruction in Content Areas
- Field-Based Practicum
- Classroom Management
- Instruction and Technology

Special Education PK–8 Certification: The Special Education program at Holy Family University prepares you for dual certification in Special Education PK–8 and Early Childhood Education PK–4. You will be taught to work effectively with students of various functional and cognitive abilities and ages in various settings from nursery school through grade 8. From instructional and classroom management techniques to inclusionary models of teaching, our special education curriculum provides a wide array of skills and field experiences for future teachers. Program highlights include:

- Special Education Assessment
- Special Education Instructional Design
- Enhancing Communication & Literacy
- Including Students with Significant Support Needs

Expand Your Teaching Certificate

You can add grade levels and/or subject areas to your Pennsylvania teaching certificate by passing the content tests required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. For example, you can add grades 5–6, grades 4–8, or grades 7–12 to your PK–4 certificate. You can add grades PK–4 or grades 4–8 to your secondary certificate. Expand your teaching certificate and your employment opportunities!

Facilities

Built in 2004, the state-of-the-art Education & Technology Center was designed for one purpose—to train teachers. The facility features the most advanced equipment, including total wireless capability, live video conferencing, and translation capabilities for conferences. Along with general-purpose classrooms, the facility also features four specialized classrooms for the teaching of reading, science and math, early childhood, middle level, and special education.

Field Experience

We strongly believe in placing students into the field and into as many different classroom environments as possible. Our comprehensive field placement program, unmatched in its amount and variety of field experiences, starts with freshman year and continues until graduation.

Freshman and Sophomore Year—Observations

In your first and second years you will begin visiting and experiencing a wide variety of teaching environments. You will write reflections on your observations and discuss these in class. In addition you will learn how to write lesson plans and will even have the opportunity to teach a few lessons in actual classrooms!

Junior Year—The Practicum

In your third year, in what is called “Practicum,” your experience will increase. You’ll be placed one day a week, for a full day, in a school working in a classroom with a teacher. You’ll do assignments, write lesson plans, teach several classes, and work with technology in the classroom.

Senior Year—Student Teaching

In your final year, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, you’ll do your “Student Teaching”—a full-time supervised student teaching semester in which you basically take over a class.

Our Non-Discrimination Statement can be found at holyfamily.edu/ndstatement or call 267-341-3479.

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The Value of Family



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