

The Department of Education and Counseling

Teaching Certification

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About

Teacher certification can only be obtained within the context of the Bachelor of Arts in Education program. Villanova does not offer a stand alone teaching certification program.

Villanova University's secondary teacher education program is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as satisfying the requirements for teacher certification in 9 subject areas. Students with majors in departments other than Education and Counseling may be admitted to the teacher education program upon the approval of the Program Director.

Student Teaching is normally taken in the second semester of the senior year. Exploratory-Arts students who may be interested in Secondary Teacher Certification should stop by the Office of Education and Counseling, 302 St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts, as soon as possible to discuss the content area prerequisites and the requirements of the Education major.

Students enrolled in the Undergraduate Teacher Education Program will have their work reviewed each semester by academic advisor to determine progress and professional development for certification. Students must achieve a 3.0 overall GPA and successful completion of the PAPA tests (or satisfaction of the *SAT/ ACT exemption) before they are permitted to do student teaching. Students who do not achieve the required cumulative average by spring semester junior year will not be allowed to continue in the education major.

AREAS OF CERTIFICATION:

Biology, Chemistry, English, French, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Spanish, and Social Studies.

Upon successful completion of the Education major courses, the required courses in their certification content area, the PAPA, and the Praxis II exams, the student will be eligible for Pennsylvania teaching certification in grades 7-12.

*SAT/ACT exemption: Students who receive qualifying score on the subset testing of the SAT and ACT may be exempt from taking the PAPA basic skills test. For more information please contact [Nancy Franz, M.Ed.](#)