The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College welcomes candidates for elementary and secondary Pennsylvania teacher certification. Our program is offered as part of the Education Department at Muhlenberg College and is not a separate course of study. Students entering through The Wescoe School have access to the same quality courses and faculty as those offered to all students at Muhlenberg, but with convenient scheduling to meet the needs of adult students.

Our Mission
The aim of the Education Department at Muhlenberg College is to provide a program of professional courses leading to teacher certification, marked by extensive field experience, small classes, experienced faculty and relevant technology. The Pennsylvania Department of Education currently ranks the Muhlenberg program in the top tier of teacher education programs in Pennsylvania.

The teacher certification program strives to prepare excellent teachers - teachers who are well-versed in subject matter, competent in pedagogy and responsible to professional demands.

We Believe
• teaching is a professional and intellectual endeavor.

• teachers have a responsibility to understand the implications of their work, not only in regard to classroom practice, but in regard to the political and social realities which shape American education.

• in the value of teacher education based in the liberal arts. For this reason, our programs are not majors but complements to a liberal arts major and draw heavily from the values and aims of a liberal education.

Our goal is to educate future teachers who can do more than work competently within our public schools. We wish to prepare teachers who can also serve as leaders in the transformation of American education.
Overall Requirements

Both elementary and secondary certifications are offered through The Wescoe School. Students must complete their bachelor’s degree as well as the teaching certification requirements. All education courses, except Student Teaching, will be offered in the evening. Student teaching and fieldwork require daytime availability.

Elementary certification may be acquired with any major offered at Muhlenberg. For those interested in secondary education, our teacher education program may lead to certification in the following areas: biology, chemistry, English, environmental education, French, German, mathematics, physics, social studies and Spanish.

Requirements for teacher certification through The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College:

- If students do not already have a BS/BA from an accredited institute of higher education, they must be approved for admission to The Wescoe School as degree candidates before being approved specifically for the certification program.
- Students must have a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) overall, a 2.5 GPA in their major and a 2.75 GPA in their education courses. Foreign language majors MUST retain a 3.0 GPA in their major.
- For certification in Elementary Education, the undergraduate major must be offered at Muhlenberg.
- Students must provide a brief résumé with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of four professional and/or academic references. Students must also complete a personal statement and self-evaluation form obtained from The Wescoe School.
- Students must take a minimum of two courses with fieldwork components at Muhlenberg College (two separate fieldwork sites) before being considered for student teaching.
- Students must complete their student teaching semester under the guidance of Muhlenberg College, with placements assigned by the College.

As part of the initial process, a plan for complying with certification requirements will be developed by the student and a Wescoe School counselor. The
applicant will receive a copy of that plan before registering for courses. Students must comply with the requirements for admission and retention in the Teacher Certification program. Fieldwork is an integral component of our program, and a meeting with the Fieldwork Supervisor will be mandatory each semester.

Fieldwork

One of the strengths of the Muhlenberg program is that students are out in the public schools for fieldwork continually throughout the program. They are able to make real connections between theory and practice. Therefore, fieldwork is required in all courses beyond Foundations of Education. Instructors will explain this requirement as it pertains to their courses. Students are responsible for complying with the Education Department’s guidelines for fieldwork. Students are placed in urban, suburban and rural settings for a full-range of teaching experiences. If a student is presently employed in a school, fieldwork and student teaching experiences will not be in that setting. Placements for the semester-long student teaching experience usually involve one urban and one rural or suburban setting.

The following table details the minimum number of hours students must complete in their fieldwork assignment. Students must attend fieldwork each week until the last week of classes.

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Please note: The Exceptional Learner fieldwork hours (20 hours per semester) cannot be combined with other fieldwork courses. The Secondary School Curriculum requires 30 hours of fieldwork.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Both Elementary and Secondary

MAJOR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION COURSES
- Foundations of Education
- Educational Psychology*
- Teaching and Learning*
- The Exceptional Learner*
- The Student Teaching Semester**
  (includes the following four courses)
  - Assessment & Evaluation
  - Studies in Professional Education
  - Student Teaching I
  - Student Teaching II

ADDITIONAL COURSES
- Two college-level math courses
- Literature (British/American)
- Writing/Composition course

Elementary Only
- Literacy in the Primary Grades*
- Middle Grades Literacy and Social Studies Curriculum*
- Elementary Math Curriculum*
- Elementary Science Curriculum*
- Physical Education: Foundations of Exercise Science and Wellness
  - Biology
  - Physical/Environmental Science
- Foundations of the Creative Arts
- American History
- Geography

Secondary Only
- Secondary School Curriculum***

*Requires fieldwork in the schools.
**Without exception, students must apply for student teaching in January of the preceding year and must have passed the Reading, Writing and Math PRAXIS exams.
***Requires 30 hours of fieldwork.
To Get Started

• We encourage all candidates to make an initial appointment as early as possible. Please contact The Wescoe School at 484-664-3300 or wescoe@muhlenberg.edu for more information.

• Costs and fees are subject to change annually and can be found on the Wescoe School Web site.

• If you have any past coursework or already have a degree, please have OFFICIAL transcripts sent to:

The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College
Attn: Teacher Certification Program
2400 Chew Street
Allentown, PA 18104-5586

Education Department Full-Time Faculty

Dr. Michael Carbone, Chair
Dr. George Bonekemper
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Professor Cathy Kim
Professor Sally Richwine
Dr. Pearl Rosenberg
Dr. Louise Shive

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