Teaching Certification

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About

Villanova University's secondary teacher education program is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as satisfying the requirements for teacher certification in 14 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 Undergraduate Committee. Students admitted to the teacher education program must complete the same requirements as Education majors, including courses in ELL, special education, and student teaching.

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.

Students enrolled in the Teacher Education Program will have their work reviewed each semester by a department committee 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 senior year will not be allowed to continue in the education major.

AREAS OF CERTIFICATION:


Upon successful completion of the major required certification courses, the special education workshops, and ELL courses, and the PAPA, and Praxis II exams, the student will be eligible for certification.

*SAT/ACT exemption: Students who receive a score of at least a 1550 on the SAT, with a minimum score of 500 in each of the three testing sections OR a student who receives at least a score of 23 on the ACT test, will be exempt from taking the PAPA basic skills tests.

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