



A student must complete the course and credit requirements as defined on this curriculum sheet to be a candidate for the Master of Science in Education. Additional policies, procedures and requirements may be found in the current Graduate University Catalog and/or student teaching handbook.

Degree Requirement

A student must already hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university for the relevant content areas Biology, English, Mathematics, or Social Studies.

An evaluation of transcript will be necessary to determine the required coursework. Content specific coursework is undergraduate and can be accepted from prior work. See specific audit sheet of content area.

Credit Requirement

A minimum of 30 credits is required for the Master of Science in Secondary Subject Education program and needed subject/content area verification.

150 Pre-student teaching hours are embedded within certification courses.

Student teaching is 14 weeks full-time placement. Student is responsible for all required clearances in their respective state.

Grade Requirements

The minimum major and cumulative GPA of 3.0, (B) average is required to remain in good standing. One grade of C+ is permitted but a 3.0 grade point average must be maintained throughout the program. Students may retake a maximum of 2 courses in which they earned a C or C+. Students may retake an individual course only one time. Students may not earn any grade below a C and remain in the program.

PA Certification

To qualify for Pennsylvania Instructional I certification a student must complete all certification specific coursework (pedagogy and content area), pass required qualifying tests (Praxis Specialty test for subject), and validate clearances. Institutions can only certify in subjects where they have prior subject approval status at the undergraduate level. Gwynedd Mercy University has approval for Biology, English, Mathematics and Social Studies (History).

MAJOR Requirements for Certification - 21 credits

EDU502	The Learning and Teaching Process	3
EDU503	Social & Political Foundations of Education	3
EDU508	Secondary School Methods and Materials	3
EDU580	Multicultural & Diversity Issues in Education	3
EDU581	Foundations of Special Education in an Inclusionary Setting	3
EDU591	Curriculum Development and Peer Coaching	3
EDU565	Student Teaching & Professional Seminar	3

Master Degree Completion - 9 credits

EDU510	Research Skills for Reflective Practitioner	3
EDU582	Effective Communication for Educators	3
EDU603	Culminating Project	3

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