Secondary Education (Grades 7-12) | Major

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN BRIEF**

Alvernia is a Catholic, Franciscan university dedicated to the ideals of service in the helping professions. The Secondary Education program combines a sound liberal arts background with field work and studies in human growth and development, curriculum, methods, and materials. Approved by the Pennsylvania State Department of Education, the program prepares students for certification to teach in secondary schools.

Secondary Education students select a concentration, which is considered a second major, for certification from the following disciplines:

- Biology
- Business, Computer and Information Technology (BCIT) (K-12 certification)
- Chemistry
- English
- Mathematics
- Social Studies

**RELATED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The **Alvernia Education Association** seeks to provide its student members with opportunities to enrich their college experience and prepare them for careers in education. Alvernia University students and professors commonly work together on service projects within local schools. The Education Association hosts guest lecturers, special activities coinciding with college-sponsored events, and special events that enable participants to gain knowledge and skills specific to the education field.

The newly formed **Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society**'s mission is to honor outstanding educators and inspire them to be effective leaders who address critical issues in education.

The **Council for Exceptional Children** is dedicated to individuals with disabilities and their families through service activities in the local community and through access to professional organization activities at the state and national level.

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

Students are admitted into the Education Department and are fully accepted when the following criteria have been met:

- Successful completion of 48 credit hours
- Six (6) semester credit hours of mathematics
- Three (3) semester credit hours in college level English Composition
- Three (3) semester credit hours in college level English/American Literature
- Successful completion of the PRAXIS I Tests
- Current clearances for field experiences
- Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
- Entrance application into Education Program including faculty recommendation

All Education students complete three or more field placements and student teaching. All coursework must be completed prior to student teaching. Applicants for the student teaching assignment must have the approval of the Education Department and an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Each candidate for certification must take the Praxis II before student teaching and must pass the PRAXIS II Subject Tests before applying for an Instructional I Certificate.
CAREER SUCCESS
Alvernia Education graduates are employed in virtually all schools in Berks County, and in many schools throughout the middle Atlantic region, nationally, and internationally. Our Career Services staff provides assistance with resume preparation, interview skills, and job and graduate school searches.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
(Additional education beyond a bachelor’s may be required.)
Assistant Principal
Curriculum Specialist
Education and Training Administrator
Education Management Specialist
Education Consultant
Educational Administrator
Educational Researcher
Educational Resource Coordinator
Resource Teacher
Secondary School Teacher
Textbook Writer
Tutor

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
Bachelor's Degree Requirements
The number of credits required to complete the total program depends upon the requirements of the major. Please ask for an information sheet describing the requirements for your projected major.

Secondary Education Requirements (33 credits)
ED 200 Foundations of Education
ED 206 Field Experience I
ED 209 Planning, Instruction, Assessment
ED 306 Field Experience II
ED 313 Classroom Management
ED 330 Curriculum Design and Assessment
ED 416 Field Experience III
ED 470 Student Teaching
ED 472 Student Teaching Seminar
SPE 100 Introduction to Exceptionalities in Children and Youth
One of the following based on projected major:
ED 430 Methods of Teaching Secondary English
ED 431 Methods of Teaching Secondary Social Studies
ED 432 Methods of Teaching Business, Computer and Information Technology
ED 433 Methods of Teaching Secondary Mathematics
ED 434 Methods of Teaching Secondary Science

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