

M.ED. AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATIONS

M.Ed.



ALVERNIA

UNIVERSITY



An Education in the Franciscan Tradition

OUR GRADUATE PROGRAMS OFFER CONVENIENCE AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Alvernia University provides you with a balance between theory and practice, and the opportunity to discuss and apply what you have learned. If you join the M.Ed. or any graduate certification program, you will find:

- **Incomparable personal attention** from your advisor and your professors.
- **Small classes** that promote interactive learning.
- **Tuition Deferment** if you are reimbursed by your employer.
- **Opportunity to network** with other adult students like yourself.
- **Accelerated** sessions and multiple start dates.

You'll also find our faculty and staff are committed to teaching, guiding, and supporting our graduate students in all aspects of their experience at Alvernia—from course selection and scheduling, to connecting with peers and colleagues, and balancing theory and practice through class discussion.

OUR FACULTY

It's simple: our engaging, dynamic faculty members are the heart of Alvernia University. The program's faculty is comprised of gifted full-time professors drawn from the education field. Our faculty members continually seek new ideas and resources to keep the programs vibrant and relevant to the evolving educators field. They enjoy the freedom to conduct research, and they are here because they love to teach, and they truly enjoy getting to know their graduate students.



Kathleen A. Muzevich, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor of Education

"While pursuing your Master's degree in education, you will receive expert guidance from individuals committed to your success. Our faculty draw on years of practical experience, as well as a solid knowledge base in research, to ensure that you receive a quality education program."

INSIDE ALVERNIA

While our core institutional values—*service, humility, collegiality, contemplation, and peacemaking*—extend from the faith of our Franciscan founders, they have a universal ethical appeal.



PREPARED TO EFFECT REAL CHANGE?

Good teachers change lives. It's that simple. But in today's world of complex accountability standards, closing achievement gaps takes more than just passion: It takes **DYNAMIC** leaders who can shape curriculum for a diverse classroom and instructors who seek out new ways to **CONNECT** with students. With a flexible approach to learning that lets you tailor a course of study that suits your **CAREER** goals, Alvernia University offers a broad range of graduate education programs. In addition to a range of M.Ed. concentrations, Alvernia has five certification options for those interested in enhancing their skills in a specific area. If you're ready to lead the **TRANSFORMATION** and truly ensure that each child is given the opportunity to succeed, consider one of the many graduate education programs at Alvernia University.

M.Ed. PROGRAM MATRICULATION

Applications for admission to the Master of Education program is accepted year-round. Students who are certified teachers typically complete the entire master's degree program in two years. Full-time enrollment allows students to complete the program in approximately one year. Students are accepted for a period of five years, and may choose to pursue their program on a part-time basis.

M.Ed. PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

Students must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university. A cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required on all previous undergraduate and graduate coursework. Students enter the Master of Education program with a variety of undergraduate majors, including education, liberal arts, the sciences, psychology, business, and criminal justice.

FLEXIBLE COURSE OFFERINGS

We want to make the graduate experience as relevant and fulfilling as possible for busy professionals, so we offer options. The Master of Education degree and certification programs may be completed either at our main campus in Reading or at Schuylkill Center. Because our students and our schools have a variety of needs, Alvernia offers the following programs leading to a Master of Education degree:

- **Educational Leadership:** Exploring topics in school leadership, such as law, finance, administration, and human resource management.
- **Urban Education:** Refining the skills of teachers with a focus on fundamental skills and cross-cultural environments.
- **Special Education:** Focusing on topics such as inclusion, literacy, and other concepts associated with educating special needs students
- **M.Ed. with graduate certification:** Completing your M.Ed. with one of five different certifications.

Alvernia provides a two-year planning schedule to help plan your course of studies. To offer additional flexibility, classes may be offered on weeknights or Saturdays in either online, blended, or classroom formats.

ACCREDITATION AND TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Alvernia's Master of Education and certification programs are approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. For current certification requirements, please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education Web site: www.pde.state.pa.us.



Mary B. Schreiner, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Education
Coordinator of M.Ed. Program

"The M.Ed. and graduate certification programs at Alvernia University employ a values-centered approach to prepare highly-qualified, caring educators and school leaders. Through coursework and field work, students become ready to address many needs of diverse populations we now see in today's schools."



AN ALVERNIA MUCH MORE THAN

A Master of Education degree from Alvernia is more than a mere credential. At Alvernia, we measure our success by our graduates' personal and professional satisfaction, and by the many ways they contribute to the greater good in all areas of society. Our graduates contribute substantially to the education

In addition to our full Master of Education degree for **EARLY CHILDHOOD (GRADES PRE K-4), SECONDARY EDUCATION, AND PRINCIPAL**, as well as

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Alvernia's certification programs are committed to providing instruction in educational theory balanced with current classroom practices. With five certifications to choose from, each program is specialized for taking your career to another level.

Graduate students must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 grade point average in a four-point system. Applicants must have six credit hours of undergraduate mathematics, three credit hours of undergraduate English composition, and three credit hours of British or American Literature. Also, applicants must have passing scores on the Praxis Core Battery tests (PPST's) in reading, writing, and mathematics, and required content knowledge tests.

Program requirements include student teaching, and where appropriate, field experiences. The certification program is usually completed in under two years, though full-time enrollment may mean completion in approximately one year.

ALVERNIA M.ED.: EARNING A CREDENTIAL

profession as classroom teachers in public, private, and parochial schools; school principals and district administrators; curriculum specialists; teacher educators; school nurses; special education specialists; educators at museums and historical sites, and much more.

degree, we offer education certification programs in **SECONDARY (GRADES 7-12), SPECIAL EDUCATION,** and **ADMINISTRATIVE** as **SUPERINTENDENT.**

TEACHER CERTIFICATION PLUS A MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

In addition to the above requirements, students pursuing the M.Ed. degree will complete additional interdisciplinary courses and required education courses, including a capstone research seminar.

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION

Students may pursue principal certification at Alvernia independently, or in combination with our program in Educational Leadership leading to a Master of Education degree. Students entering with a master's degree must complete additional coursework to earn principal certification, which usually takes about one year.

SUPERINTENDENT LETTER

The Superintendent Letter of Eligibility program prepares students to be strategic leaders who can effectively and ethically bring about continuous improvements in today's diverse schools. This program is designed for educators seeking leadership positions at classroom, school district, and community levels, in curriculum, and supervision.

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Please visit us at www.alvernia.edu for clear, specific local and regional directions.



COME VISIT US!

We invite you to visit Alvernia University in person. Spending time here and talking to the Coordinator of Graduate Admissions are the best ways to know if we are the right fit for you. Our daytime, evening, and Saturday hours provide convenient opportunities for a personal visit. Once you have decided to apply to Alvernia, our supportive staff will help you along the way with the entire admission process. To arrange a visit, please contact our Graduate Admissions by phone or email.



TO ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY

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regional driving directions to our campuses.



GET YOUR DEGREE ON TIME AND ON TARGET.

With several formats a year, our M.Ed. and graduate certification programs let you earn your degree at a faster pace than traditional programs. We offer a flexible schedule so working adults can obtain their M.Ed. degree or graduate certification. Because classes are small, instructors are available to give more personal support, both in and out of the classroom.



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Friday, By Appointment

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OTHER GRADUATE PROGRAMS OFFERED AT ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY

- Master in Business Administration (classroom and online delivery formats)
- Master of Arts in Community Counseling
- Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
- Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Doctor of Philosophy with Concentrations in Education, Corporate, and Community Leadership

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about our graduate certification programs or M.Ed., to request an application, or to inquire about our deferred payment plan based on employer tuition reimbursement, please contact:

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