Take advantage of Alvernia’s Online Newest, Affordable, In-demand Programs

• Special Education Teaching Certification
• Certificate in Disabilities and Inclusive Communities

Alvernia University prepares teachers and those who work with children and adults to be successful in inclusive settings. Alvernia’s online Special Education Teaching Certification and Certificate programs make it easier for you to reach your professional goals. Here’s how:

• **Career fast track** — Get your certification or certificate in about a year.
• **Advance your teaching career** — Improve your salary and marketability, position yourself for future growth and satisfy Act 48 requirements.
• **Affordable** — Our tuition is competitive and we are an outstanding value.
• **Tuition deferment and more** — From convenient payment plans to our popular tuition deferment program, there are many options to finance your education.
• **First class faculty** — Experts, advisors and mentors who are engaged, accessible and dedicated to your personal and professional success.
• **A trusted university** — Proven record for helping its educational graduates succeed throughout Berks County and beyond.
• **Online format** — Virtual setting allows students to share the classroom from any location.

Get started today!

Email us at graduate@alvernia.edu or call 610-796-5187 for more information.
Get ahead in your teaching career by going back to Alvernia – online! If you’ve already earned an Instructional I Teaching Certification and want to develop teaching skills working with children with special needs or increase your marketability with an additional certification, this is the program for you. Alvernia’s high quality 27-credit program helps you attain a Pennsylvania Department of Education approved Special Education Teaching Certification in a convenient online format. The courses include:

- MED 505: Introduction to Individuals with Special Needs *(Required first course)*
- MED 515: Differentiated Instruction in Inclusive Classrooms
- MED 535: Collaboration and Legal Issues in Special Education
- MED 544: Transition & Instruction for Adolescents with Special Needs
- MED 545: Social Development & Behavior Support
- MED 605: Enhancing Literacy for Students with Special Needs
- MED 522: Practicum (30 hours)
- MED 542: Assessment & Instruction of Students with Developmental Disabilities
- MED 523: Practicum (30 hours)

Online courses could be completed in a year. When courses are completed a seven week student teaching experience is arranged as the required culminating activity leading to Pennsylvania certification.

Are you interested in learning more about human disabilities? Do you want to better understand related laws and advocacy that protect the rights of children and adults with disabilities? Does collaboration across fields and roles in order to support people with special needs in schools and community settings appeal to you? All of these connections can lead you to Alvernia for a 12-credit graduate level Certificate in Disabilities and Inclusive Communities. As an added value, you can also build upon this Certificate to earn a Pennsylvania Department of Education approved Special Education Teaching Certification later at Alvernia. The courses include:

- MED 505: Introduction to Individuals with Special Needs *(Suggested first course)*
- MED 515: Differentiated Instruction in Inclusive Classrooms
- MED 535: Collaboration and Legal Issues in Special Education
- MED 545: Social Development & Behavior Support