Online Programs

online.alvernia.edu
Thank you for your interest in Alvernia University Online!

Whether going back to earn a Master in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree or adding a certification in special education, an Alvernia University Online education will further develop the critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills that organizations say they are looking for in employees.

Why Alvernia University Online?

While many universities prepare individuals for successful careers, Alvernia University Online prepares students to be extraordinary professionals who excel by integrating ethics, principles and social justice into their studies – it’s an approach engrained in our Franciscan heritage.

We are dedicated to providing a personalized experience and recognize that often times online students can feel isolated or lost in the shuffle. Our commitment to deliver a high-quality online education while maintaining a small university feel is our priority. And because of the convenient online format, students can learn at their own pace in any location that fits in their busy lives. This convenience and flexibility is key to helping students succeed.

All of our classes are taught by committed professors who have hands-on, practical experience in their respected fields; they bring real-world experience into the classroom to ground learning in a practical setting that is ideal to prepare students for success as working professionals.

At Alvernia University Online, we are more than a school. We are a community of learners and teachers working together to make the world a better place. I invite you to become a part of our community – you are welcome here!

Sincerely,

Daria LaTorre, J.D.
Dean, School of Graduate and Adult Education
Get ahead by going back.

If you’re ready for the next step in your career, an online degree from Alvernia University can help. You can study when and where you have the time, as you manage your work and personal commitments. You’ll gain the skills and knowledge you need to excel in your career—all in a supportive environment that’s designed to help you succeed.

Why Alvernia Online?

Alvernia combines a high-quality, practical education with the personal touch and attention of a small private university. And with the convenience and flexibility of learning online, you can learn when and where it works for you.

Discover the next step in your career with our online programs in business, nursing and education. Small class sizes and faculty with real-world experience means you’ll receive an education that is directly relevant to your career, with strategies you can apply immediately.

At Alvernia, we are committed to developing ethical leaders. As one of only 24 Franciscan institutions in the United States, our values-based learning philosophy is guided by the ideal of “knowledge joined with love” that shapes both our educational philosophy and strong community.

We hope you join us in making an impact.

Ready to get started or have questions?

Call 888-868-2289 or email onlineadmissions@alvernia.edu to speak with an enrollment counselor today.
About the Online Certification in Special Education

The need for teachers with skills in special education is growing exponentially. Now, with our certification in special education, you’ll gain a credential that can instantly improve your marketability as a teacher and help you more successfully manage your classroom. This program is designed for licensed teachers to add to their qualifications. Complete the program in just one year, 100% online. This is one of the only programs in the state designed for secondary school educators, so you’ll learn the specific skills needed for this older age group.

Developing Hearts and Skills

As a special education teacher, you’ll connect with students and transform their lives. At Alvernia, we’ll show you how to develop that connection and make a difference. And we’ll equip you with the knowledge and skills to help you reach that point. Our experienced faculty and practical assignments will give you real-world lessons you can apply immediately.

Courses (27 Credits):

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

Tuition

Online Special Education Certification tuition is $550 per credit hour.

Admission Requirements

For entrance into the Online Special Education Certification program, you’ll need to:

- Complete an [application](#).
- Verification of Valid Pennsylvania Instructional I or II Teaching Certification
- Provide proof of a baccalaureate degree and official transcripts from all institutions attended.
- Provide three letters of recommendation.
- Write a one-page personal statement about the value of graduate education for your personal and professional goals.
- Provide a resume outlining your professional and educational experiences.

You must also have the following background checks and clearances, which are required prior to all field experience placements:

- Act 34 — Child Abuse
- Act 114 — FBI Fingerprinting Background Check
- Act 151 — PA Criminal Background Check
- Tuberculosis Screening

Ready to get started?

Start your online application today by visiting [www.alvernia.edu/onlineprograms](http://www.alvernia.edu/onlineprograms)

Or call 888-868-2289 to speak with an enrollment counselor.
Please send your signed and completed form via fax to 800-473-2512

Please note: Some institutions may require the student to obtain transcripts directly; if this is the case, your enrollment counselor will contact you.

ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY: TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM

TRANSCRIPT RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I authorize my official transcripts to be sent to Alvernia University C/O The Learning House and allow any necessary follow-up to acquire said transcripts listed below.

Applicant’s Signature: __________________________ Date: ___________________

Legal Name: ____________________________
                 First                                      Last
                 Maiden                                      other

Permanent Address: ____________________________
                 Street
                 City                                      State      Zip

Date of Birth: _____ - _____ - _____

Social Security Number or Student ID Number: __________ - ______ - _______

Phone ____________________________ Email ____________________________

1. Institution Name: __________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________
                 Street
                 City                                      State      Zip

Dates Attended From: ______ to: ______

Degree Earned/ Program Seeking (if any): ____________________________

2. Institution Name: __________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________
                 Street
                 City                                      State      Zip

Dates Attended From: ______ to: ______

Degree Earned/ Program Seeking (if any): ____________________________

3. Institution Name: __________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________
                 Street
                 City                                      State      Zip

Dates Attended From: ______ to: ______

Degree Earned/ Program Seeking (if any): ____________________________

Have more schools for us to request? Please use additional sheets.

Return official transcript materials to:

Alvernia University
C/O The Learning House
801 East Park Drive, Suite 105
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Or email transcripts@learninghouse.com

Institution Records Office: If you cannot process this request please contact the Transcript Office at 800-293-7075 ext. 133