

WHY STUDY AT ELIZABEHTOWN: HALLMARKS OF OUR PROGRAM

Frequency and Variety of Field Placements

As an Education major at Elizabethtown College, you will have field experiences every year from your first year through your senior year. Field placements occur in urban, suburban and rural schools, and in a variety of grades within your certification guidelines. Our program stresses the importance of supervised field experiences to complement coursework. It is the embodiment of theory into practice.

Office of Clinical Experiences

Field placements are an important part of your educational experience at Elizabethtown. Full-time clinical coordinators partner with top local districts and schools to secure placements for pre-service teachers.

Middle-level Certification Areas

Elizabethtown College is one of the few colleges in Pennsylvania to offer middle-level certification. We offer programs in Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, and English/Language Arts.

Student Teaching Capstone

Student teaching is the capstone experience of the department's teacher preparation programs. Student teachers are placed at cooperating school districts in the local and surrounding areas. College supervisors and mentor teachers work in partnership to mentor the student teacher and provide a quality learning experience.

A Faculty of Teacher-Scholars

Education faculty are experts in their fields, conducting, presenting, and publishing their own research, and facilitating opportunities for undergraduate and graduate scholarship.

Social Justice in Education

Integral to our programs is the department's signature attribute of social justice, exhibited through a curricular focus upon advocacy for equity, civic engagement, global citizenship, and international/comparative perspectives.

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Civic Engagement Opportunities

The Education Department encourages its majors to participate in community outreach, particularly through events and programs sponsored by its student organizations – EdOrg, KDP, CEC, and NSTA.

Student Research

Students are required to undertake action research by their senior year and may take advantage of other research opportunities, including Honors in the Discipline, Scholarship and Creative Arts Day (SCAD), Summer Scholarship, Creative Arts and Research Projects Program (SCARP), or professional conferences in their specialty discipline. Graduate students are required to complete a thesis project in their 5th year.

Graduate Study in Special Education

The Department offers a unique 4+1 Master's program in Special Education which provides candidates with two full semesters of student teaching and prepares them to be highly qualified in a general certification area and PK-12 Special Education.

Lab School Program

The Department has a lab school program partnership with U-Gro Learning Centre located at Masonic Village, just a few miles from campus. Pre-service candidates will participate in the teaching, learning, and research afforded by a lab school program model.

Academic Service-Learning

Many curricular and co-curricular opportunities exist to help prepare you to enter the field of education. These include reading to children at libraries, teaching Spanish to local children and tutoring Spanish-speaking children and adults that are learning English, volunteering as a science fair judge, tutoring local students and many more.