

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (PREK - 4) AND SPECIAL EDUCATION (PREK-12)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM (129 CREDITS)

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the program in Early Childhood Education PreK-4, the graduate is eligible to receive Pennsylvania State Instructional I Public School Teaching Certificate in Grades PreK-4, pending successful completion of Pennsylvania basic skills and specialty exams. In addition, successful completion of Pennsylvania’s special education exams is required to obtain the Special Education PreK-12 certificate.

## PURPOSE

The University of Valley Forge Special Education PreK-12 certification program is designed to equip teacher candidates with the content knowledge and pedagogical skills necessary to meet the needs of special education students from grades PreK-12 in an inclusive or special education classroom.

Four additional required Special Education courses are included below within the regular Early Childhood Education program and identified with an \* and with an X after the course code.

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

EDU 133	Child and Adolescent Development	3 cr
ECE 123	Foundations, Principles, & Practices of Early Childhood Education	3 cr
ECE 204	Methods and Materials	3 cr
ECE 333	Integrating Related Arts	3 cr
EDU 340	Methods of Teaching ELD	3 cr
EDU 353	Teaching Social Studies	3 cr
EDU 363	Teaching Science	3 cr
EDU 373	Language & Literacy Development	3 cr
EDU 383	Field Experience (0.5 credits for 2 semesters)	1 cr
EDU 423	Differentiated Reading Instruction	3 cr
EDU 433	Teaching Mathematics	3 cr
EDU 443	Classroom Management	3 cr
EDU 453	Assessment & Measurement	3 cr
EDU 466	Student Teaching	12 cr
EDU 471	Student Teaching Seminar	1 cr
MTH 233	Survey of Mathematics II	3 cr
SCI 143	Ecology & Environmental Science	3 cr
SCI 341	Ecology & Environmental Lab	1 cr
SPE 223	Introduction to Exceptionalities	3 cr
SPE 303X*	Behavioral Intervention for Students with Disabilities	3 cr
SPE 323X*	Strategies & Early Intervention for Students with High Incidence Disabilities	3 cr
SPE 403	Inclusion & Collaboration	3 cr
SPE 423X*	Strategies & Early Intervention for Students with Low Incidence Disabilities	3 cr
SPE 433X*	Language & Literacy Development for Students with Disabilities	3 cr

**TOTAL**

**75 CREDITS**

## CORE REQUIREMENTS

BIB 103	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3 cr
CMS 233	Educational Technology	3 cr
COM 123	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr
EDU 413	Multicultural Education	3 cr
ENG 123	College Writing & Research	3 cr
FNA 113	Fine Arts Appreciation	3 cr
U.S. History Course - Choose one:		3 cr
HIS 233	U.S. History – Colonization to Reconstruction	
HIS 243	U.S. History – Reconstruction to the Present	
English/American Literature Course - Choose one:		3 cr
LIT 243	English Literature	
LIT 253	American Literature I	
LIT 254	American Literature II	
LIT 273	Children’s Literature	3 cr
MTH 133	Survey of Mathematics I	3 cr
NWT 113	New Testament Survey	3 cr
OLT 123	Old Testament Survey	3 cr
PHE	Activity Course	1 cr
PHE 281	Health & Nutrition	1 cr
PHL 113	Worldviews	3 cr
PSY 383	Educational Psychology	3 cr
SCI 113	Physical Science	3 cr
SCI 311	Physical Science Lab	1 cr
SOC 103	Life Formation	3 cr
Theology Course - Choose one:		3 cr
THE 115	Thinking Theologically	
THE 233	An Introduction to the History & Theology of the AG	

**TOTAL**

**54 CREDITS**