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BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS**

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A baccalaureate degree assumes a capability to deal creatively and realistically with personal, community, national and international concerns. It assumes that a University graduate is able to think logically, to act rationally, and to make appropriate decisions about the future based on past and present conditions and circumstances. It also assumes an understanding of ethics and aesthetics which provides a foundation for the development of a value system which can be translated into effective social action.

To qualify for the baccalaureate degree, a student must complete courses to:

1. Establish a foundation for general collegiate and academic success inclusive of writing, communication, and quantitative literacy.
2. Develop critical thinking skills within the context of different means of investigations/ways of knowing.
3. Engage with the cultural, environmental, economic, political, and social contexts of today's global issues.
4. Explore and demonstrate understanding of a big idea, issue of practice, or complex problem by making connections between their learning and their personal experiences.
5. Achieve an in-depth understanding of an academic discipline.

Attainment by students of these competencies must be carefully and appropriately evaluated. In addition, the students must be made aware of their specialty's relationship to vocational or professional use.

Current Baccalaureate Degree Programs

Millersville University awards the following six baccalaureate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Education, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The current Millersville University Undergraduate Catalog contains a listing of baccalaureate degree programs.

Curriculum Requirements for Baccalaureate Degree Programs

To earn a baccalaureate degree at Millersville University a student must meet the following requirements:

1. All curricular and proficiency requirements must be met.
2. A minimum of 120 credits must be completed for a bachelor's degree.
3. A GPA of at least 2.0 must be earned in Millersville courses.
4. A GPA of at least 2.0 must be earned in Millersville courses required for the major.
5. A GPA of at least 2.0 must be earned in Millersville courses required for the minor.
6. At least 30 credits must be completed at Millersville, in addition to student teaching.
7. At least half the major requirements must be completed at Millersville.
8. At least half of the minor requirements must be completed at Millersville.
9. Students who graduate with a B.S.Ed. degree or complete an approved program of post-baccalaureate studies for teaching certification must be admitted to Advanced Professional Studies. They must also meet the Pennsylvania state requirements and other Pennsylvania certification requirements such as passing the required Praxis exams to qualify for Pennsylvania teacher certification.
10. An Application for Degree form must be submitted.

The baccalaureate programs are designed to accommodate many academic majors and a variety of specialized sequences and elective subject interests. The curriculum is structured to afford great flexibility in developing programs of study. It is geared to the individual and allows much choice in the selection of courses. Students have a challenging and responsible role in planning the substance of their academic programs.

The curriculum has the following parts: The general education requirements, the major sequence plus related areas of study, other degree requirements and elective courses.

There are common elements in all student programs, regardless of the degree field or the academic major selected. The General Education requirements are detailed in the University Academic Catalog. The specific requirements for each academic major are detailed within the departmental listings in the University Academic Catalog.

Associate to Bachelor's Degree Pathway

Millersville University supports the [PA State Act 69 of 2024](#) in establishing clear pathways for students with an earned associate's degree to a bachelor's degree and accepts with full junior standing the associate degree and apply all college-level credits earned, including major and general education requirements, toward the parallel baccalaureate degree requirements. Students holding an associate degree from a community college or PASSHE university transferring into a parallel program will be granted full junior standing towards the baccalaureate degree program and complete no more than 60 credit hours to earn a 120-credit hour baccalaureate degree unless required to meet specific accreditation, licensure or certification requirements.