

# Education at Millersville University



*"Through programs like PDS and the Urban Seminar, I graduated with professionalism and classroom experiences that have set me apart from other colleagues and enabled me to meet the needs of diverse students. I was not just able to find a job, but I was able to confidently enter into a career which I am still passionate about, because my professors had challenged me and prepared me throughout my tenure at Millersville."*

– Spencer Nissly, B.S.E., English, 2012  
English Teacher, Woodrow Wilson High School, Washington D.C.



Select your pathway to classroom teaching from the many opportunities available at Millersville University! Take advantage of strong preparation in content and professional knowledge, and rich clinical experiences in PK-12 classrooms that lead to rewarding careers in education. Whether you wish to provide preschoolers with a solid foundation for learning or share your love of a specific subject with middle and high school students, you will find the resources you need to succeed at Millersville. Invested faculty members provide valuable advice and support and share innovative tools that prepare you to be a leader in the classroom.

## 3 Great Reasons to Choose Education

- Demand for teachers is back
- Lancaster voted best place to be a teacher in the US in 2015
- Great starting salary

## Elementary & Middle Level Education

The Early, Middle, and Exceptional Education (EMEE) Department offers Bachelor of Science Degrees in Education (B.S.E.) in the areas of early childhood education (Pre-K-4th grade), middle level education (4th-8th grade). Each program is designed to provide the student with an in-depth knowledge of subject matter, teaching skills appropriate to the age and grade level, and extensive and varied field experiences. Students who successfully complete these accredited programs will be prepared for passing of licensure exams and application for state teaching certification.

### Elementary (Pre-K-4th Grade)

The program in early childhood education prepares teacher candidates to use research-based methods of instruction with young children (45 credit hours). In addition, candidates are expected to complete 15 credit hours in the Professional Core, and 12 credit hours in student teaching, and 48 credit hours in related coursework. This program can be completed in eight (8) semesters.

#### Earn your B.S. Ed. in:

- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Education and Special Education Dual Certification\*

\*additional credits required, contact EMEE Department for more information  
(Visit [millersville.edu](http://millersville.edu) for a list of program courses and suggested course sequence)

### Middle Level (4th – 8th Grade)

The program in middle level education is designed to provide the candidate with an in-depth knowledge of subject matter (30 credit hours) in one of the four content areas (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies), to teach 4th through 8th grades. In addition to the concentration area, candidates are expected to complete 12 credit hours in each of the remaining content areas, a minimum of 27 credit hours in the Professional Core, and 12 credit hours in student teaching. This program can be completed in eight (8) semesters.

#### Earn your B.S.E. in:

- Middle Level Education – English Language Arts
- Middle Level Education – Mathematics
- Middle Level Education – Science
- Middle Level Education – Social Studies

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## Secondary Education

The Educational Foundations (EDFN) Department collaborates to offers Bachelor of Science Degrees in Education (B.S.E.) in the subject areas for secondary education. We partner with the select departments across campus in providing education courses, field experiences, and co-advisors for our candidates in order to provide content-specific knowledge of the subject and how to teach it. Students who successfully complete these accredited programs will be prepared for passing of licensure exams and application for state teaching certification.

#### Earn your B.S.E. in:

- English Education
- Foreign Language Education (French, German, Spanish)
- Math Education
- Science Education (Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Physics)
- Social Studies Education
- Secondary Education and Special Education Dual Certification\*

\*additional credits required, contact EDFN Department for more information  
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## Requirements of ALL Teacher Candidates at Millersville:

- Achieve Advanced Professional Studies status – which is required in order to register for Advanced Professional courses. Millersville University has adopted the APS requirements in order to meet those mandates and be a state approved teacher education program that successfully leads students to certification in the state of Pennsylvania
- Pass Pre-Service Testing - Everyone being issued a certificate in Pennsylvania must pass the required certification tests.
- Maintain Valid Clearances - The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires all Education majors to obtain the ACT 34 PA State Criminal Record Check, ACT 151 PA Child Abuse History Clearance, ACT 114 FBI Fingerprinting Clearance and a TB test (Tuberculosis Skin Test).

For more information, please contact the Certification Office in Stayer for more details.

## Special Education

The need for teacher education program graduates who also have a special education credential has been climbing steadily for years. The Special Education dual certification program provides teacher candidates with the skills to fulfill and surpass the needs of students with disabilities in multiple settings. Unlike stand-alone programs, Millersville students are dual-enrolled in a standard education program (such as Music Education or Biology Education) and complete the supplemental requirements for special education certification. This program also offers unique educational experiences beyond the classroom including internships with local organizations and extensive and diverse field experiences.

### Earn your B.S.E. in:

- Early Childhood Education and Special Education Dual Certification
- Secondary Education and Special Education Dual Certification

## Professional Development School (PDS)

Millersville University's Professional Development School (PDS) is a partnership between many of the University's secondary certification programs and local school districts. Participating certification programs include all sciences, social studies, English, world languages, art, and technology and engineering.

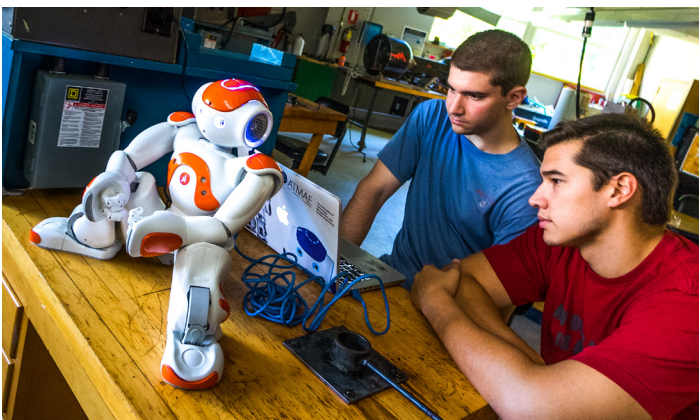
The PDS is designed to simultaneously prepare new educators and strengthen the teaching and learning in area middle and high schools. Our teacher candidates (interns) learn the art and science of teaching by working alongside a master teacher (mentor) through a year-long internship. Strong partnerships with local school districts enable our program to be grounded in the real work of teaching and learning. School administrators in local districts, across the commonwealth, and in many states frequently report that PDS graduates interview for their first teaching positions like teachers who have already had a year of teaching experience.

The Secondary Education PDS Program at Millersville was awarded the National Program of Distinction Award in 2014 by the National Association of Professional Development Schools.

## Resources

### Susan A. Walker Children's Literature Center

Conveniently located in Stayer Hall, room 118, the Susan A. Walker Children's Literature Center houses a collection of over 10,000 children's books available for students to borrow on a short-term basis. These books include picture books and novels in a wide variety of genres.



## PK-12 Education

Through close partnerships with departments outside of the College of Education and Human Services, Millersville's teacher education programs include three degree programs that lead to Instructional 1 teaching certificates for all grades, PK-12. These programs prepare students for certification with significant coursework in education as well as in their respective content areas. A variety of field placement experiences help prepare students for the diversity of job opportunities for which they will be qualified when certified PK-12.

### Degrees offered:

- Art
- Music
- Technology & Engineering