Are you interested in earning an Endorsement from the Pennsylvania Department of Education?

Many teacher education programs are focused exclusively on preparing teacher candidates for teaching in the traditional classroom setting. Slippery Rock University’s online teaching credential is designed to help you reach all of the students in your programs and schools and to give you the expertise, technical skills and comfort level needed for delivering quality online education.

By completing three graduate courses (9 graduate credits) that are applicable to SRU’s M.Ed. in Technology for Online Instruction, you can earn your Online Instruction Program Endorsement through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

What is the Pennsylvania Department of Education Endorsement?

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education Online Instruction Endorsement Program Guidelines (2014), post-baccalaureate or graduate students may participate in a short program that leads to an endorsement. Endorsements indicate that an individual has obtained professional knowledge, skills, and competencies through a sequence of courses and field experiences intended to improve a teacher’s skills in dealing with complex classroom settings. To be admitted into the Online Instruction Endorsement Program, candidates must have completed a baccalaureate program and/or hold an Instructional I or Instructional II Pennsylvania certificate.

Curriculum (9 Credits)

Fall 2015
PE 302/502- Foundations of Distance Education

Winter 2016
SPED 345/545- Technology in Special Education

Winter 2017
SEFE 447/647- Technology Based Inquiry

Program Highlights

SRU’s PDE Endorsement offers:

• The knowledge, skills, and competencies needed to teach effectively through distance or cyber education

• Authentic and meaningful learning experiences for K-12, online learners

• Educational technology and resources for educators

Admissions Requirements

All applicants must submit the following materials along with the completed online application and non-refundable application fee of $25.00:

• A current or official transcript sent directly from the institution that the student is currently enrolled or that conferred the applicant’s undergraduate degree, as well as official transcripts from any other undergraduate or graduate coursework completed

• A minimum of a 2.75 cumulative GPA in undergraduate major