

# ONLINE INSTRUCTION ENDORSEMENT

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**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 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.

## 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

## CURRICULUM (9 CREDITS)

PE 502: Foundations of Distance Education (offered during winter term)

SEFE 647: Technology Based Inquiry in Middle and Secondary Schools

SPED 545: Technology in Special Education

Note: Courses can be taken in any order.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. Official undergraduate transcript from the applicant's baccalaureate granting institution and any graduate transcripts (if applicable)
2. A minimum of 2.75 cumulative GPA in undergraduate major
3. Copy of Teaching Certificate

The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

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