

# GIFTED EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Slippery Rock University's Gifted Endorsement program is a 12 credit, graduate-level program leading to a PDE endorsement in Gifted Education. This program will be offered for already certified Level I or Level II educators who wish to add an endorsement to their current PA teaching certificate.

According to the National Association for Gifted Children, gifted learners are those who demonstrate outstanding levels of aptitude (defined as an exceptional ability to reason and learn) or competence (documented academic performance or achievement in the top 10% or rarer) in one or more domains. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, mentally gifted learners demonstrate outstanding intellectual and creative ability which requires specially designed instructional programs or support services, or both, not ordinarily provided in the regular education program, and includes, but not limited to, those students who have an IQ of 130 or higher.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SRU's Gifted Education Endorsement offers educators:

- 100% online courses
- Advanced training for teachers who hold teaching certifications
- Access to enhanced and advanced content and instructional strategies
- The ability to create an environment in which gifted learners can feel challenged and safe to explore, take risks, and express their uniqueness
- An opportunity to earn 48 credits

## CURRICULUM (12 CREDITS)

SRU's Gifted Education Endorsement is a 12-credit certification and offered as a cohort in the winter and summer terms.

- ELEC 646: Introduction to Gifted Education
- ELEC 647: Identification and Assessment of Gifted Learners
- ELEC 648: Gifted Education Models of Teaching
- ELEC 649: Gifted Education Curriculum Design and Practicum

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission to the Gifted Education Endorsement program, applicant's must already hold a valid teaching certificate, Level I or Level II certification. All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and a non-refundable application fee:

1. Official undergraduate transcripts from the applicants baccalaureate granting institution with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and graduate transcripts (if applicable)
2. A resume indicating the candidate's history and current status (student-teaching, tenured, non-tenured; full-time, part-time, substitute) with a school district
3. A copy of the applicant's current teaching certification(s) or a letter from the certifying university indicating that requirements for a teaching certification have been met and that the certification application is currently being processed. This can be from any state
4. Recommendation form from two professional references found at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate)

Students who are admitted will be required to submit health screenings and clearances to the Elementary/ Early Childhood Education Department which are required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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.

## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:

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