

GIFTED EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DELIVERY METHOD

100% online

START TERMS

Winter & Summer

COMPLETION TIME

One year

NUMBER OF CREDITS

12 credits

Did you know.....

Meeting the needs of students who are identified as gifted is an important equity issue in education. Pennsylvania has over 60,000 identified gifted learners in its schools. (National Association for Gifted Children)

Gifted education is mandatory in Pennsylvania's Public Schools and teaching gifted students requires a unique set of knowledge and skills taught in this endorsement program.

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 ACT 48 credits

CURRICULUM GUIDE

ELEC 646	Introduction to Gifted Education	3
ELEC 647	Identification and Assessment of Gifted Learners	3
ELEC 648	Gifted Education Models of Teaching	3
ELEC 649	Gifted Education Curriculum Design and Practicum	3
Total Hours		12

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission to the Gifted Education Endorsement program, the applicant 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 degree transcript(s) with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and any graduate transcripts.
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. Two electronic recommendation forms

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.

TUITION

Information on current tuition can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid is not available for this program.

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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