Programs for
Post-Baccalaureate/Accelerated/Teacher Intern
Teacher Certification

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Lycoming College Education Department Goals/Vision

The vision of the Lycoming College Education Department Certification Program is to develop teachers educated in the diverse and broad-based traditions of the liberal arts. The Education Department is devoted to providing opportunities for creative work in teaching, research, and community service. The Department embraces an approach to education that is learner-centered, inspires a genuine respect for learning, cultural and gender diversity and enhancement of individual and community life. Both faculty and students develop the ability to learn through collaboration, reflection and practice. The program produces reflective teacher practitioners who think critically about the many aspects of teaching and learning.

Through the program, candidates are prepared to:
- make effective decisions about curriculum and instructional methods based on an understanding of the whole child, child development theory and research on best practices;
- interact and communicate effectively with young children to provide a standards-aligned developmentally, culturally, and individually appropriate curriculum;
- assess children’s growth and development using multiple data sources;
- communicate effectively and work cooperatively with parents/families, school personnel and the broader community; and engage other professionals, colleagues and administrators in support of children as members of a learning community.

Program Description

Lycoming College has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide Post-Baccalaureate, Accelerated and Teacher Intern programs. Our programs will enable a non-degree student to obtain teacher certification by tailoring each program to specific course needs.

For candidates who already possess a bachelor’s degree and want to enter the field of teaching, Post-Baccalaureate programs offer the possibility of building on that degree and other experiences while acquiring the additional skills, knowledge, and dispositions needed to become a successful teacher. Accelerated programs will allow those already certified to obtain additional certification by completing coursework relative to the desired certification. Teaching Intern positions are available to those who hold a baccalaureate degree and who complete the necessary requirement to place them in a classroom on an Intern certificate, which replaces the student teaching component. This occurs in rare circumstances where the student has been hired to teach in a district.
Fields of Certification

Lycoming College offers Post-baccalaureate/Accelerated/Teaching Intern certification in the following areas:

1. Early Childhood Education: (grades PreK-4)

2. Secondary Education (grades 7-12) - You must hold a degree in one of these specific content areas to be eligible for certification
   - Biology
   - Chemistry
   - English
   - General Science w/ Biology
   - General Science w/Chemistry
   - General Science w/Astronomy-Physics
   - Mathematics
   - Physics
   - Social Studies (History, Psychology, International Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology/Anthropology, and Economics majors)
   - Social Science (Sociology/Psychology majors)

3. Grades K-12 certifications
   - Music
   - Foreign Languages: German~French~Spanish
   - Art

4. Special Education
   - Special Education PreK -8 with Early Childhood (PreK-4)
   - Special Education 7-12 with content specific 7-12 area

(Note: Special Education certification candidates must provide evidence of an earned PreK-4 or Secondary 7-12 certificate).

Criteria for Admittance

There is defined criteria for admittance to these programs. Candidates are assessed through the examination of skills, academic preparation, qualifying work experience and the ability to function in the teaching profession.

- Candidates must have a baccalaureate degree from an approved university/college and must meet requirements for the academic major (intended certification area) as found in the corresponding department in the current Lycoming College catalog.

- To qualify for admission, students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. Successful completion of required certification exams may be necessary. Applicants with a minimum 2.8 GPA will be admitted to the program provisionally until they have completed 8 credit hours on campus with a 3.0 or higher GPA.
• Please submit the following information (see address on application):
  o Completed application
  o Official transcript(s) from former universities
  o One letter of character reference

The following items will be required if you pursue the program PRIOR to attending classes:
  o Act 151 “Child Abuse History Clearance”
  o Act 34 “Request for Criminal Record Check”
  o Act 114 “FBI Criminal History Report”
  o Act 24 “Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification Form”

• We will evaluate the post-baccalaureate candidate’s application material, review transcript(s) and a preliminary assessment of teaching competencies that may have been acquired previously. The Education Department will notify the candidate of the required courses by email. Candidates may contact the Lycoming College Financial Aid Office. (321-4040), as we will copy the Financial Aid Office on your letter.

Registration Information

• Please contact the Education Office at 570-321-4010 or rogersa@lycoming.edu with your intentions to pursue or not pursue the program within 6 months.

• Candidates who wish to pursue the program will be interviewed by the Education Department.

• We will assist in creating a schedule. They will then apply to Lycoming College as non-degree students. The Admissions Department will assist with their application process and will notify them when they may register and pay for classes.

• Candidates are required to complete the majority of their coursework at Lycoming College, as we are the institution recommending certification. You may, however, seek permission from the Education Department to take a course off campus. We will work closely with you to ensure that your schedule is tailored to meet your needs.

Teacher Intern Certificate
To obtain a Teacher Intern Certificate, you must successfully complete the required certification exams appropriate to your subject area.

Student Teaching
Candidates in the Post-Baccalaureate program will be placed in a 14-week student teaching position. This is a full-time, 16 credit assignment, arranged through the Placement Director of Lycoming College. Placements are made in the Lycoming County area; you will be observed by your college supervisor at least four times and will be expected to participate in all professional semester activities. Tuition and fees will be charged accordingly.
Candidates in the **Accelerated** program will complete a student teaching component as appropriate for the individual program requirements. A fee will be assessed based on the amount of time spent with a cooperating teacher. Tuition and fees will be charged accordingly.

**Teacher Intern** candidates will seek a position from a Pennsylvania school district and apply with an Intern Certificate. This position will serve as your professional semester. You will follow the rules and regulations of the school district in which you are employed and will be expected to participate in all Lycoming College professional semester activities on campus. This will also be a full-time, one semester, 16-credit assignment. Tuition and fees will be charged accordingly.

**Certification**

Upon completion of all course requirements, satisfactory assessment ratings (from college supervisor), completion of all requirements with a 3.0 overall GPA, and appropriate tests, candidates may apply for Instructional I certification.

Further information regarding the Teacher Intern Program may be found at the following website: [www.portal.state.pa.us >Home>Certifications.](http://www.portal.state.pa.us)

*Please note that our program requirements are subject to change, depending on regulations from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. You will be notified if such changes occur.*
Lycoming College Education Department
Post-Baccalaureate/Accelerated/Teacher Intern Certification Application

Date_____________________________

Area of Certification Desired

Early Childhood (ECED) PreK-4     ___    Secondary/K-12(Specify area)_____________________

Special Education PreK-8 w/ECED PreK-4 ___    Special Education 7-12 w/ 7-12 Content Area____

Personal Information

Name ____________________________    Social Security # ______________________

Address____________________________________________________

E-Mail Address__________________________________________

Home Phone _______________Work Phone _______________Cell Phone __________________

Education Background

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Please list related work experience

Please return this form, transcripts and character reference letter to: Dr. Amy Rogers, Lycoming College
Department of Education, 700 College Place, Box 22, Williamsport, PA 17701 or rogersa@lycoming.edu or
fax: 570-321-4389.

Please note: If you currently hold teacher certification (in ANY state), note area of certification, year obtained
and the state in which you hold certification. You are not eligible for the Intern program if you are currently
certified but you CAN obtain additional certification.

If applicable, please include copies of certification tests and your current certificate.