Certification Program in Secondary Education: Mathematics
The certification program in Secondary Education Mathematics is designed for an individual who holds a baccalaureate degree and wants to become certified to teach mathematics in Pennsylvania secondary schools (grades 7-12). Students who successfully complete the requirements will be recommended for the Secondary Mathematics Instructional I teaching certificate. Course work is required in both mathematics and education. If you are an undergraduate (Bachelor’s Degree) student who is interested in becoming an Mathematics teacher, you can do so by enrolling in the Mathematical Sciences major.

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Program Requirements for Admission
An applicant must present a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher in the last 60 credits (approximately).

An applicant must obtain required clearances.

Test Requirements: Post-baccalaureate applicants do not need to take the Basic Skills tests that are required by Bachelor's degree students; however, all Mathematics certification students must take the Praxis test #5161 prior to earning Pennsylvania certification. Review this page to see what tests you need to take.

How to Enroll
Enrollment in this program requires admission to Penn State's Graduate School and to the program in Teaching and Curriculum in the College of Education.

To enroll, complete the online application within the Graduate School Admissions Portal.

- Follow the onscreen instructions to log in.
- Select the appropriate semester of enrollment.
- For Enrollment Type, select "Degree Admission." (Certification or Endorsement programs do not award a degree; however, applicants must select "Degree Admission" from the dropdown menu.)
- Answer the question about prior coursework at Penn State and then follow the prompts provided.
- For Campus, Choose "Harrisburg" and then select "Teaching and Curriculum" from the Major list.
- Select "Pennsylvania Educators Level I Certification" from the Degree list. (Applicants who hold PDE Instructional I or II certification already will have their status corrected by PDE.)
- For Option, select the appropriate option.
- Choose a semester.

If you experience difficulty using our online application, please contact: Janet Althouse jal25@psu.edu 717-948-6213

Other Questions
If you have additional questions, please contact Graduate Admissions, 717-948-6250, or the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education, 717-948-6213.