



Education at Drexel

For incoming freshmen interested in a career in education, Drexel offers two distinct accelerated degree programs:

- Honors BS/MS in Education
- BS/MS in Education program

Honors BS/MS in Education

This program is specifically designed for high-performing high school graduates who want a bachelor's and master's degree in education. Students who qualify are simultaneously enrolled in the School of Education and the Pennoni Honors College.

BS/MS in Education Program

This program is for students who want to pursue a bachelor's degree in subjects other than education but also want a master's degree in education. For instance, a student in this program can earn a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's in education.

Master's Degrees

Students in either of the Education accelerated degree programs can choose from the following master's degrees:

- MS in Educational Administration
- MS in Global and International Education
- MS in Higher Education
- MS in the Science of Instruction
- MS in Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum

Certification Areas

The following certification areas are available to Education majors:

- Biology (Grades 7–12)
- Chemistry (Grades 7–12)
- Early Childhood Education (Birth–Grade 3)
(pending PA Department of Education approval)
- Earth and Space Science (Grades 7–12)
- Elementary Education (Grades K–6)
- English (Grades 7–12)
(pending PA Department of Education approval)
- Environmental Education (Grades K–12)
- General Science (Grades 7–12)
- Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
- Physics (Grades 7–12)
- Social Studies (Grades 7–12)
(pending PA Department of Education approval)
- Special Education (Birth–Grade 12)
(pending PA Department of Education approval)

Drexel Co-op

A key part of the program is Drexel's prestigious co-operative education program, where students alternate periods of classroom study with periods of professional work experience. Education students can choose from the following:

- Three Co-op Option (Five Years): includes three six-month periods of full-time employment
- One Co-op Option (Four Years): includes one six-month period of full-time employment

For students in the Honors BS/MS in Education program, these employers could include:

- Franklin Institute Science Museum
- Greenfield Elementary School
- St. Ignatius of Antioch School

Potential Careers

Elementary School Teacher. Instructs a class of children in several subjects. May work as a team with other teachers who are jointly responsible for a group of students in at least one subject.

Middle School and Secondary School Teacher. Helps students pursue subjects introduced in elementary school and exposes them to more information about the world. May specialize in a specific subject, such as English, Spanish, mathematics, history, or biology.

Special Education Teacher. Develops for each special education student an individualized education program (IEP) that sets personalized goals and is tailored to the student's abilities.

Employers

Opportunities in the education sector vary greatly based on geographical location. In a large U.S. city such as Philadelphia, individuals with this kind of degree can find employment in primary and secondary education, as well as in private schools. Immigration law has also made ESL (English as a second language) a burgeoning field. With this degree, you may choose to pursue employment in one of the following areas:

- Business and professional schools
- Private and charter schools
- Public school systems

Depending on the baccalaureate major you pursue, you may also find employment in one of the following areas:

- Corporate training
- Sales

Courses You'll Really Enjoy

Globalization and Educational Change. Exploration of issues related to economic globalization, politics of globalization, educational change, and the ways individuals and groups of people have changed and must further change to meet new global challenges in the 21st century.

Peace Education. Exploration of the conditions required for the construction of peace, the various forms of conflict, philosophical bases of human rights, discrimination with particular focus on curriculum reform that emphasizes knowledge, understanding, and respect for cultures of others at the national/global level.

School Law and Politics. This course is designed to assist students with their understanding of how law, politics, and power structures interact to influence the goals and operations of the schools. Students will study the roles of school boards and community organizations, state boards of education, state government agencies, special interest groups, professional organizations, and unions.

Understanding Learning Disabilities. Addresses learning disability issues including types of learning disabilities and related general approaches to assessment and treatment. Specific disorders discussed include dyslexia, dyscalculia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, social cognition deficit, and disorders of language and hearing.

Language Arts Processes. Studies the nature of language, including phonetic, semantic, and syntactic aspects of language development, and theories of language development. Applies contemporary research to processes and problems in teaching oral and written communication. Assumes that listening, speaking, writing, and reading in the content area are integrated processes and should be taught as such.

Math: Methods and Content. Course emphasizes diagnostic instruction in mathematics by allowing students to complete problems their students will be expected to work, noting the error and correction process, as well as gaining an awareness of student difficulties in mathematics.

Learn More: University Catalog

For more information on Education certification areas and required courses, visit the University Catalog online at www.drexel.edu/catalog.

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