

Facilities

All classrooms have SMARTBoard technology which integrates sources such as PowerPoint, video and the Internet into the classroom learning experience. There is also a Macintosh computer lab for use by education students. You will also learn to use a variety of instructional media.



Senior Portfolio

To enhance your marketability for employment after graduation or for acceptance into graduate school, you will develop a digital developing portfolio at the end of your junior year and a professional portfolio during your senior year which describes your field experiences and teaching accomplishments and credentials. This not only demonstrates your academic abilities and experiences, but also highlights your expertise in using instructional technology.



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Accreditations

The education unit at Lock Haven University is accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

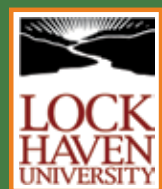
B.S. Education Early Childhood

The Early Childhood Education degree will prepare you to be certified to teach children from birth to age eight. The new certification laws in Pennsylvania make this degree mandatory if you want to teach Pre-K through fourth grade in a Pennsylvania public school (effective January 2013). Your courses will provide a strong foundation of basic child development theory and an appreciation for both the historic and contemporary status of children. Throughout your four-year program, and beginning in your second or third semester, you will have active, hands-on interaction with young children putting research and theory into practice.

In your senior year, you will complete over 80 hours in both pre-primary and primary childhood classrooms. Your assignments will usually be within a 50-60 mile radius of LHU campus. You are also encouraged to student teach abroad at any of our partner universities.

Upon graduation and certification, you will be qualified to teach in elementary schools, pre-schools, and Head Start programs as well as to direct a day care center. Our graduates have a high success rate in finding employment in schools throughout Pennsylvania and across the country.

The program is accredited by NAEYC, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, NCATE, National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, and PDE, the Pennsylvania Department of Education.



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Minor - Early Childhood Education

This minor is currently open to majors in Special Education or Elementary Education and is intended to provide students with a second area of expertise, but does not lead to ECE Certification. Other majors will be considered for students in this minor on an individual basis.

Early Childhood Education Faculty

All Early Childhood Education faculty hold their doctoral degrees and are experienced classroom teachers. They are actively involved in professional associations and presentations at conferences throughout the state, as well as nationally and internationally. They are dedicated teachers in the college as well as in the elementary school classrooms. Their open door policy means that they are always available to answer your questions, help you solve problems and prepare you for your future teaching career.

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Special Education Certification Program

Certification in special education prepares you to teach persons with mental and physical disabilities. This includes individuals diagnosed with learning disabilities, mental retardation, physical disabilities, brain injuries, and emotional or behavior disorders.

The Special Education major can be added as a second major to the PreK-4/Early Childhood Education major, Secondary Education English, Secondary Education Social Studies, or Secondary Education Mathematics. The dual certification program follows a planned sequence of courses that has been designed to meet the Pennsylvania State guidelines for certification in both areas. Special education certification parallels the chosen content certification: preschool through grade 6, or grade 7 through grade 12.

Dual Certification

You will increase your marketability for future employment by completing coursework and field experiences for a dual degree. This will provide excellent preparation for inclusionary classrooms, as well as for part-time and full-time special education settings. You will have practical classroom experiences from your freshman year through senior year student teaching placements. During your 15 week student teaching experience, you will have the opportunity to teach both typical and special needs students, supervised by certified instructors in the content area as well as in special education.

LHU graduates in special education have an excellent history of securing teaching positions immediately upon graduation throughout the state of Pennsylvania and nationally.

The Special Education program is nationally recognized by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Minor - Special Education

This minor is designed for Education majors who want to gain additional knowledge and skills in teaching children with disabilities, but do not desire certification in Special Education. It can also be valuable to other human service majors such as Social Work, Recreation, and Psychology.

Special Education Faculty

All faculty are highly-qualified educators with contemporary K-12 school experience. They are actively involved in their fields in leadership roles in professional associations and presenting at conferences throughout the state, as well as nationally and internationally. The special education faculty are dedicated professionals who will help you learn the best practices for use in today's classrooms, as well as the professional and personal skills necessary for you to be an effective teacher.

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B.S. Education Middle/Elementary Education 4-8

The Pennsylvania State certification requirements have recently been changed to redefine the former Elementary Education certification (grades K-6) as Middle/Elementary Education certification, now grades 4 - 8 (ages 9 - 13).

This degree will prepare you to be certified to teach in grades 4 - 8. You will select a content specialty area such as Language Arts/English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, or a combination of two of the areas. A strong foundation of teaching methodology is combined with many diverse classroom experiences beginning your freshman year for practical, hands-on learning in a variety of socio-economic and racial/ethnic settings and including special needs students.

In your senior year, you will take a block of courses and experiences devoted entirely to the methods of teaching and classroom management. The student teaching semester will place you in two different classrooms for seven weeks each where you will be responsible for teaching the class under the supervision of an experienced teacher. Your assignments will usually be within a 50-60 mile radius of the LHU campus. You may also choose to student teach abroad at one of our partner universities in such countries as Australia, Ireland, England, Spain and Croatia.

The current retirements of "baby boom" generation teachers is creating a high demand for teachers at all levels. Many of our graduates have secured immediate employment upon graduation in schools throughout Pennsylvania and across the country.

The Middle/Elementary Education 4-8 Program is accredited by ACEI, The Association for Childhood Education International.

Middle/Elementary Education 4-8 Faculty

All Middle/Elementary Education 4-8 level faculty were previously elementary or middle school teachers. They are very involved, spending time in the schools with our students on a regular basis. They are dedicated to teaching and the small class sizes allow for a high degree of individual attention which will help you succeed.

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