why you belong here
Are you interested in sharing your curiosity about learning with young people? Would you delight in the opportunity to change lives for the better by improving education? If so, our teacher certification program is for you.

Chatham’s education faculty is among the most experienced, well-connected, and community-minded of all the regional teacher education programs. You’ll have the opportunity to learn from and work alongside experts in early childhood and elementary education, environmental and science education, mathematics education, and special education.

We are quite proud of our classroom practitioners who also teach in the education program. Among these are specialists in school law, special education, early childhood and elementary curriculum, all of whom bring current classroom expertise to your undergraduate studies. You’ll learn from the best that the profession has to offer.

what you can expect
Beginning in your first year at Chatham, you’ll be engaged with students in the classroom. Your classmates will become professional colleagues, supporting you in your field experiences, and you’ll have faculty who serve as mentors guiding you to develop the skills and attitudes that will make you the strongest teacher possible.

Then, during your student teaching term, you’ll work in a school full-time, teaching students as if they are your own, under the guidance of a trained cooperating teacher in a local school district and a Chatham University supervisor. You’ll graduate with a professional portfolio, the skills and knowledge to enter any classroom, and the expertise necessary to be a successful teaching professional.
what you will learn
As with every Chatham student, you will be exposed to a wide array of issues, concepts, and ideas as you learn to draw upon your liberal arts curriculum. Depending upon your specific education major, you may have classes that allow you to explore further an area of particular interest to you.

You can choose from education majors in Liberal Arts: PreK-4 Education, as well as certification options on Art and Environmental Education for grades K-12, and English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Biology, Physics, and Chemistry for grades 7-12.

where it will take you
Upon graduation, most students choose to take the Pennsylvania Educator Certification Tests. Once you have achieved certification, you are ready to begin teaching. However, you may choose to further your studies before entering the classroom by pursuing a master's degree in education or in a field related to your teaching interests, such as art, English, math, biology, and more.

learn more
View PRAXIS results, read University and Pennsylvania Department of Education requirements, and find other links of interest at chatham.edu/education.

“The goal of our education program is to prepare students to become outstanding teachers by instilling in them the virtues, abilities, and sense of awareness that comes from a liberal arts education. It's not only about learning to teach, but also about learning to think critically and speak persuasively, to have a sense of history and civic responsibility, to embrace science and math, and to appreciate the arts.”

— Martha Hildebrant, Ph.D., assistant professor of education

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• Apart from the academic enhancement and personal growth that it affords, education majors who participate in study abroad programs through Chatham University possess skills that are valued in all levels of today's competitive world of education – a global perspective, fluency in a second language, and cross-cultural communication skills.
• Explore your interest in education through the Chatham University student chapter of the Pennsylvania State Education Association. This group helps you gain a better understanding of the political issues and concerns affecting educators, while offering access to scholarships and grants, networking and professional development opportunities, as well as members-only discounts and savings.

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