



Dear Future Teacher,

Thank you for inquiring about the King's College Post-Baccalaureate program. We currently offer post-baccalaureate programs in grades PK-4, grades PK-4 and Special Education PK-12, Spanish (grades K-12), French (grades K-12), Biology (7-12), Chemistry (7-12), English (7-12), General Science (7-12), Citizenship or Social Studies (majors in History, Political Science or Economics) (7-12), Math (7-12), Physics (7-12), Special Education (PK-12), Math 4-8 and Science 4-8. Academic planners for the above areas may be found on our website: https://www.kings.edu/admissions/part-time/fast_track_certification.

For candidates interested in certification in one of the secondary content areas above and who hold a degree in one of the above subject areas, the typical time to completion is 18 months. For those seeking a certification in an area in which they did not receive the equivalent Bachelor degree, an accurate time frame cannot be established until King's College reviews your transcripts from all college courses taken. Students are expected to have earned a minimum of 3.0 GPA at the institution from which they graduated.

Courses in the post-baccalaureate program are offered in a variety of settings including accelerated, days and evenings. Some courses, such as methods courses, must be completed on-campus. Most education courses require field experiences that require our candidates to be in the schools during the school day, when schools are in session. The Field Experience Clearance Packet, which includes The Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance, Pennsylvania Criminal History Check, and FBI Fingerprinting, must all be submitted to the College prior to starting any field experience.

Post-baccalaureate courses are offered at a reduced tuition rate of \$319 per credit. Most courses are 3 credits. In order to be eligible for this reduced rate, students can register for no more than 11 credits in a single term. Further information on our tuition policies may be found in the Post-Baccalaureate Handbook found at https://www.kings.edu/academics/undergraduate_majors/education/handbooks.

In order to continue in the education program at King's College, each student is required to meet the following requirements:

- Formally apply to the Education Department for acceptance after six credits are completed at King's College, and no later than the semester prior to student teaching.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA for classes taken at King's
- Have six credits of college level English and mathematics
- Maintain all clearances as described above

- Complete all required field based experience hours, which include visits during the school day
- Provide King's College with official transcripts from all colleges attended
- At least one-half of all education credits for the certification being sought must be taken at King's College

The culminating semester of the post-baccalaureate program is the student teaching semester. By Pennsylvania law, this is required to be a full-time teaching experience. All candidates must be prepared to be placed in a local school (within a half hour drive of King's College) for the entire semester and for the entire school day. Typically during this semester, no course other than the companion seminar on Wednesday evenings (4-5 pm) and the Inclusive Education classes, should be taken.

In order to be certified in Pennsylvania, a teacher candidate must also successfully pass a test(s) (either Praxis II or PECT modules) in their content area or grade level. This testing is usually taken during student teaching. Once these tests and all classes/student teaching are completed, the teacher candidate will apply for certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. *In order to begin the process of taking courses at King's College, you will need to provide the Education Department with:*

- The attached completed Post-Baccalaureate Prospective Student Form
- Unofficial copy of your college transcripts for evaluation

These may be emailed as attachments and sent to Janice Gavlick, Department Administrative Assistant, at janicegavlick@kings.edu or mailed to the department:

Education Department
133 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

Additional information can be discussed with an individual advisor once we receive your unofficial transcripts and completed Prospective Student Form.

Sincerely,



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