DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

Overview
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Department of Secondary Education (https://catalog.wcupa.edu/education-socialWork/secondaryEducation/default.aspx)
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Programs of Study
The Department of Secondary Education offers an M.Ed in Secondary Education that leads to Pennsylvania Level Certification, granted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This program is designed for candidates who (a) have completed an undergraduate degree in an area other than education, and (b) have the necessary content coursework in one of the following certification areas: Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, English, Math, Physics, or Social Studies. The department offers two tracks in this degree program.

The residency program is a one-year, full-time program starting in Summer Session I and ending at the end of the spring semester. All content coursework must be completed to enter this track of the program. The non-residency program provides a flexible pathway for degree and certification completion.

Programs

Master's Programs
• M.Ed. in Secondary Education (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/education-social-work/secondary-education/secondary-education-med/)
• M.Ed. in Secondary Education - Residency Option (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/education-social-work/secondary-education/secondary-education-med-residency-option/)

Certificate
• Secondary English Certification Option (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/education-social-work/secondary-education/secondary-english-certification-option/)
• Secondary Teaching Certification (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/education-social-work/secondary-education/secondary-teaching-certificate/)

Admissions
All applicants to one of West Chester University’s graduate programs will be held to the graduate admissions requirements (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/graduate-admissions/). When applicable, additional requirements for admission into specific department program(s) may be listed below.

Admission Requirements for the Secondary English Certification Option
Applicants for Certification in Secondary English will need to submit the following materials:
1. Completed application
2. Official transcript(s)
3. B.A. degree with GPA of 2.8 or higher

Policies
All graduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/) outlined in the graduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department programs may be listed below.

Faculty

Professors
Karin E. Gedge (kgedge@wcupa.edu) (1997)
B.A., Lake Forest College; M.A., State University of New York at Brockport; Ph.D., Yale University
Daniel Robert Ilaria (dilaria@wcupa.edu) (2011)
B.A., Drew University; Ed.M., M.S., Ph.D., Rutgers University
Laura Renzi (irenzi@wcupa.edu) (2008)
Chairperson, Secondary Education

B.A., University of Pittsburgh; M.Ed., Lehigh University; Ph.D., Ohio State University

Assistant Professors
Brett A. Criswell (bcriswell@wcupa.edu) (2019)
B.S., Indiana University of Pennsylvania; M.S., University of Pittsburgh; Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University
Jenifer A Hummer (jhummer@wcupa.edu) (2020)
B.A., Arizona State University; M.A., Brooklyn College; M.S., The College of Saint Rose; Ph.D., University of Delaware

Courses

SED

SED 501. Learning, Teaching, and Outcomes I. 6 Credits.
This course focuses on building foundational pedagogical knowledge around understanding adolescent learning and development, planning, curriculum, and instruction in the context of the school and relevance to student, as well as assessing and building upon students’ prior knowledge, strengths, and needs. Residency candidates will explore how learning student backgrounds and histories affect their classroom performance. They will plan lessons around research-based effective practices, gather data to examine what student learning looks like through formal and informal assessments, and use data to develop action plans and adjust instructional plans to address student learning needs. Additionally, resident candidates will participate in community engagement activities. Typically offered in Summer.

SED 502. Learning, Teaching, and Outcomes II. 6 Credits.
This course continues to develop pedagogical knowledge around understanding adolescent learning and development, planning, curriculum, and instruction in the context of the school and relevance to student, as well as assessing and building upon students’ prior knowledge, strengths, and needs. Residency candidates will explore how learning student backgrounds and histories affect their classroom performance. They will plan lessons around research-based effective practices, gather data to examine what student learning looks like through formal and informal assessments, and use data to develop action plans and adjust instructional plans to address student learning needs. Additionally, resident candidates will participate in community engagement activities. Typically offered in Summer.

SED 503. Reflective Teaching Seminar I. 1 Credit.
The reflective seminar is an opportunity to build and reflect upon pedagogical knowledge, content knowledge for teaching, and pedagogical content knowledge based on the experiences in the classroom. Each session will focus on topics that will allow teacher candidates to consolidate their thinking and apply their learning. Pre / Co requisites: SED 502 requires a prerequisite of SED 501. Typically offered in Fall.
SED 505. Field Experience For Secondary Teachers. 3 Credits.
The purpose of this course is to apply the skills, techniques, and dispositions required to be an effective secondary teacher. This course will allow students to work in a classroom setting to examine how the curriculum is delivered in a secondary school setting. They will work with students on an individual or group basis, work cooperatively with teachers, and participate in the lesson and assessment planning process. By the end of the course, they should teach at least one lesson in a classroom setting.
Pre / Co requisites: SED 505 requires students to be majors only.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SED 510. Teaching and Learning in Secondary Education. 3 Credits.
The objective of this course is to give students the skills, techniques, and dispositions required to be an effective secondary education teacher. This course will discuss research-based effective strategies for teaching. Emphasis will be placed on how assessment, technology, and curriculum impact teaching and learning across and within subject disciplines.
Pre / Co requisites: SED 510 requires a prerequisite of SED 530 or SED 550 or SED 560 or SED 590; and a corequisite of SED 511.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SED 511. Secondary Student Teaching. 6 Credits.
Candidates in the Master's in Secondary Education program will complete the certification portion of their program with a sixteen-week student teaching experience. This will include observation and participation in teaching and all other activities related to the teacher's work in the area of the student's specialization. Field clearances required.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.
Typically offered in Spring.

SED 515. Action Research Seminar. 3 Credits.
This course represents the capstone research experience for the M.Ed. in Secondary Education, non-residency option. Candidates conceptualize, conduct, and communicate an action research project in the student teaching internship.
Pre / Co requisites: SED 515 requires a corequisite of SED 511.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SED 530. Teaching and Learning in Secondary Social Studies. 6 Credits.
This course supports graduate candidates seeking 7-12 Secondary Social Studies PA certification, providing intensive coursework in designing, implementing, and assessing teaching and learning in the social studies disciplines. Candidates are supervised in the application of these skills in the field experience.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.
Typically offered in Fall.

SED 550. Teaching and Learning in Secondary Mathematics. 6 Credits.
The objective of this course is to give students the skills, techniques, and dispositions required to be an effective secondary mathematics teacher. This course will examine a core set of high-leverage practices and teaching skills necessary to promote deep learning of mathematics based on NCTM’s Mathematics Teaching Practices from Principles to Actions (2014).
Pre / Co requisites: SED 550 requires a corequisite of SED 505.
Typically offered in Fall.

SED 560. Teaching and Learning in Secondary Science. 6 Credits.
Philosophy, objectives, and methods of science teaching for Grades 7-12. Practical experience provided.
Pre / Co requisites: SED 560 requires prerequisites of Teacher Candidacy and up-to-date clearances (criminal record, child abuse, FBI, and TB).
Typically offered in Fall.

SED 570. Teaching and Learning in Secondary Science and Mathematics I. 6 Credits.
The objective of this course is to give students the skills, techniques, and dispositions required to be an effective secondary science or mathematics teacher. This course will discuss research-based effective strategies for teaching, such as orchestrating mathematical discussion, writing learning progressions, formative assessment, growth-mindset-oriented teaching strategies, and the use of technology across mathematics and science content. Particular emphasis will be given to teaching the more overarching concepts in each of these areas as well as making connections between topics and between courses. Emphasis will be placed on developing the thinking skills of high school students relevant to their cultural, social, and racial backgrounds.
Pre / Co requisites: SED 570 requires a prerequisite of SED 502.
Typically offered in Fall.