Important Features of the Program

All certification candidates must have a full academic major. Certification candidates must have a strong academic record. A minimum overall GPA of 2.7 is required for registration in education courses at the 200-level and above. In addition, acceptance into student teaching for pre-baccalaureate candidates requires a) a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, b) a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the academic major, c) a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the professional education courses, and d) approval by the Teacher Education Committee. Post-baccalaureate candidates who earned their degrees five or more years prior to the date of application are required to have an overall GPA of 3.0 in the last 48 hours of college-level work before initial acceptance to the program is granted. Candidates who do not meet this requirement will be asked to complete additional courses at Moravian College to attain the required GPA.

The program is heavily field-based. Students are required to complete a minimum of two field experiences prior to student teaching. Each of these experiences stresses active involvement rather than observation. All certification candidates are required to be available during the day for these field experiences even when the course meets during the evening. Courses with field experiences require clearances which must be in place prior to the start of the course.

Student teachers are observed by a College supervisor approximately once per week during the student teaching experience.

Certification Programs:

- Elementary (K-6)
- Art (K-12) (pre & post-baccalaureate)
- Music (K-12) * (post-baccalaureate)
- Foreign Language (K-12) (post-baccalaureate)
  - French*
  - German*
  - Latin*
  - Spanish *
- Secondary (7-12)
  - Biology* (post-baccalaureate)
  - Chemistry* (post-baccalaureate)
  - English (pre & post-baccalaureate)
  - General Science* (post-baccalaureate)
  - Mathematics* (post-baccalaureate)
  - Physics* (post-baccalaureate)
  - Citizenship Education (pre & post-baccalaureate)
  - Social Studies (pre & post-baccalaureate)

*Enrollment in day division courses may be required
+ All program and certification specific requirements must be completed prior to August 31, 2013

Program Structure

Pre-Baccalaureate Students: Students who wish to complete certification requirements while earning a baccalaureate degree must meet the following requirements to be recommended to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for a teaching certificate:
- Completion of all requirements for a baccalaureate degree, including the Comenius general education curriculum.
- 6 credits of college-level mathematics
- 3 credits in English composition and 3 credits English literature (American, British, or World)
- An overall grade point average of 3.0
- A full academic major with a minimum grade point average of 3.0
- The professional education sequence with a minimum grade point average of 3.0
- The passing of all Pennsylvania required PRAXIS exams
- The final approval of the Teacher Education Committee, based on the recommendations of the College supervisor and the cooperating teachers

Post-Baccalaureate Students: Certification candidates who have completed an undergraduate degree at Moravian College or at another institution should arrange to meet with the Comenius Center Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Program Director for an explanation of the program and an evaluation of their undergraduate transcripts. To schedule an appointment, please call 610-861-1400.
The goal of the Moravian College education department is to prepare teachers who are scholars as well as teachers; possess a solid grasp of the subject to be taught; are committed to the academic success of their students; are concerned with the personal as well as intellectual development of their students; use pedagogical strategies which are firmly grounded in empirical research and systematic reflection on practice; understand the value of continuing professional development.

**Education Department Course Requirements**

**Elementary** (All certification requirements must be completed prior to 08/31/2013):
- Culture, Community, and Diversity
- Adolescent and School Developmental Issues
- Art in the Elementary School
- Music in the Elementary School
- Literacy in the Elementary Classroom
- Science in the Elementary School
- Computer Technology in the Classroom
- Introduction to Special Education
- Mathematics in the Elementary School
- Literacy in the Elementary Classroom II
- Elementary Curriculum and Instruction
- Student Teaching (3 units)
- Mathematics for Elementary Teaching
- An American History Course
- Health and Safety Education (non-credit)
- Movement Education (non-credit)

**Secondary and Foreign Language**:
- Culture, Community, and Diversity
- Adolescent and School Developmental Issues
- Computer Technology in the Classroom
- Introduction to Special Education
- Art Education Strategies
- Curriculum and Instruction in Art Education
- Student Teaching (3 units)
- Seminar for Art Student Teachers
- Health and Safety Education (non-credit)

**Art**:
- Culture, Community, and Diversity
- Adolescent and School Developmental Issues
- Computer Technology in the Classroom
- Introduction to Special Education
- Art Education Strategies
- Curriculum and Instruction in Art Education
- Student Teaching (3 units)
- Seminar for Art Student Teachers
- Health and Safety Education (non-credit)

**Music**:
- Culture, Community, and Diversity
- Adolescent and School Developmental Issues
- Introduction to Special Education
- Music Technology Techniques
- Teaching Music to Children
- Teaching Music to Adolescents and Adults
- Music Education Seminar
- Student Teaching (3 units)
- Health and Safety Education (non-credit)

**Important Information**

Acceptance to Moravian College does not assure acceptance into the teacher certification program, which is a separate admission process. Students should familiarize themselves with the process and meet with an Education Department advisor as early as possible to ensure completion of the program in a timely manner.

All field experience courses and student teaching require elaborate clearances. For more information, visit http://comenius.moravian.edu, click on “Forms and Publications Download Center” under the “General Information” heading select “Education Field Experience Clearances.”

Certification candidates must also provide evidence of:
- Successful experiences with children or youth
- Written and oral communication skills
- Positive character
- U.S. Citizenship

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Contact the Comenius Center staff to learn more about making a degree a reality. The tuition is surprisingly affordable, and need-based financial aid, deferred payment plans, and smooth interface with corporate tuition reimbursement plans are available.

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