

MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY
Undergraduate Initial Application to the Teacher Certification Program

Applications must be submitted two semesters prior to the student-teaching semester, i.e., for Fall student teaching, by December 1 of the preceding year; for Spring, by April 15 of the preceding year.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Cell # _____ Moravian Email: _____

Intended Student Teaching Semester: _____ Intended Graduation Date: _____

Please check certification area of interest:

- Early Childhood (PK-Grade 4) / Indicate Major: _____
- Special Education (PK-Grade 12)
- Middle Level Education (Grades 4-8) / Indicate Content Area: _____
- Secondary (7-12) / Indicate Content Area: _____
- Art Education (PK-12)
- Music Education (PK-12)
- Modern Language (PK-12) / Indicate Language: _____

For initial admission into the Teacher Certification Program, these items are required.

Please confirm that you have:

- Accumulated 48 credit hours (equivalent of 12 course units at Moravian) and maintained a 2.7 GPA
NOTE: State regulation requires a minimum 3.0 GPA for certification. **PDE will not waive the 3.0 GPA requirement.**
- Completed 6 credit hours (equivalent of 1 and 1/2 units at Moravian) of university level Mathematics – These credits may be part of the initial 48 credits and/or include CLEP test result.
- Completed 3 credit hours in English composition and 3 credit hours in English literature (American, British, or World – ENG 101, 102, 103, 104 and some special topics) – These credits may be part of the 48 initial credits and can be met by the Writing 100 course & the Literature requirement at Moravian.
- Completed a successful Stage 1&2 field placement.
- Have ACT 55 Exemption for Basic Skills
 Act 55 of 2022 signed into law by Governor Wolf on July 8, 2022, requires the Secretary of Education to waive the requirement to satisfactorily complete the assessment of basic skills required under section 1207.3 and 22 Pa. Code § 49.18(c) (relating to assessment) for 3 years from July 8, 2022 through July 8, 2025. This applies to all students who enter preparation programs during this period as well as otherwise qualified candidates for licensure who make application during this period.

NOTES: 1. Students will be placed in field experiences only when all background checks (the FBI Fingerprint Check, the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Records Check and Child Abuse History Clearance) are clear of record.
 2. The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires that candidates for a teaching certificate be U.S. citizens, or have declared intent to file for citizenship. This does not apply to candidates seeking foreign language certification. PDE may not certify anyone who has been convicted of a felony.

Academic Advisor: _____ Academic Advisor: _____
Print *Signature*

Education Advisor: _____ Education Advisor: _____
Print *Signature*

I understand and certify that by signing this application I am expressing an interest in the Teacher Education Program. I will complete the formal application for student teaching TWO semesters PRIOR to my anticipated student teaching semester. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of all University and Department policies and procedures as outlined in the respective handbooks and catalogs.

Signed _____ Date _____