

*School of*  
**EDUCATION**



**CLARION  
UNIVERSITY**



## EARLY CHILDHOOD/ELEMENTARY EDUCATION:

- Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education (OL)
- Bachelor of Science in Education in Elementary Education, Grades PreK-4 (CL)
- Bachelor of Science in Education Elementary Education, Grades PreK-4/  
Special Education, Grades K-12 (CL)



The preK-4 (early childhood) education program provides candidates with multiple opportunities to gain the knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary to become effective decision makers in a multicultural society. In a sequential format, early childhood candidates acquire a strong base in developmental practices, are inducted into the education core, proceed with a series of pre-methods courses and engage in a sequence of field experiences that begin in the first semester of the program. These field experiences span the whole age range from birth to grade 4 and educational settings from the family home to childcare centers to elementary classrooms. In fact, Clarion's School of Education has one of the first early childhood education programs in the state to implement a full-year teacher residency, which began in fall 2019. This option allows students to complete

student teaching during the entire last year of the program, with coursework integrated into the experience. This means you will be more prepared than your peers graduating from other institutions and administrators will be excited to hire you!

Want options? Our Early Childhood Certification Program will prepare you to work in any elementary school classroom from preschool to grade 6. But if you are thinking about child care as a career, our associate's degree program may be for you! In two years and in a flexible on-line format, you can earn a degree and be prepared for a rewarding career working with children.

## MID-LEVEL EDUCATION (GRADES 4-8): (CL)

- Bachelor of Science in Education, Concentrations in:  
Mathematics      Language Arts/Reading  
Science            Social Studies

Our program is recognized statewide and across the Northeast for how well our graduates are prepared to teach grades 4-8. Adolescents are a unique challenge for teachers, but are at a perfect age to learn with excitement, absorb information like sponges and tackle new experiences with energy! With four concentrations spanning across multiple content areas, you have the opportunity to specialize and become expertly trained to meet the needs of this exciting and unique segment of the student population. Additionally, with multiple field experiences in an array of diverse school settings and access to some of the most beautiful areas in the entire Northeast, Clarion is poised to help you succeed professionally and personally.



### KEY:

CL: Clarion University

OL: Clarion University-Online



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**EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
**EDUCATION**



**FULL YEAR**  
*student teaching*  
*experience*  
**FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
**EDUCATION**



**80%**  
*of graduates are*  
**EMPLOYED IN THEIR FIELD**  
WITHIN FOUR MONTHS  
OF GRADUATION

## SECONDARY EDUCATION (GRADES 7-12): (CL)

- Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education with concentrations in:
  - Biology
  - Mathematics
  - Physics
  - Chemistry
  - Earth & space science
  - Social Studies
  - English
  - General science



For those that wish to become teachers in junior high or high schools, Clarion offers eight content areas that students can pursue. From the sciences and math to social studies and English, we have you covered. Our programs are nationally recognized for the exceptional preparation of our undergraduate students with our teacher candidates exhibiting a 94 to 100 percent pass rate on exams. Opportunities for undergraduate research are available in both the content area as well as in education, and we have had students present their work locally, regionally and nationally. Dual advisors are assigned to each student ensuring you have

all the information and guidance you need to succeed in gaining all the content knowledge you need while navigating the path to certification. Additionally, we have had our student teachers placed all across the country including Florida, Alaska, Arizona and Virginia to name a few. And, there are opportunities for studying abroad in Spain or Ireland.

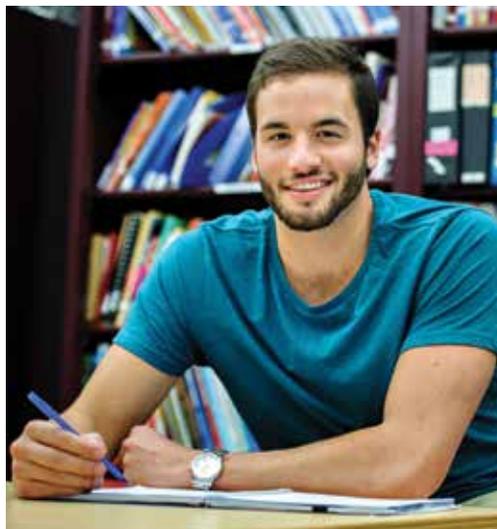
## SPECIAL EDUCATION (PREK-12): (CL)

- Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education, Grades PreK-4/Special Education, Grades K-12
- Bachelor of Science in Education, Special Education PreK-12
- Bachelor of Science in Education, Special Education (non-certification track)
- Bachelor of Science in Education, Special Education Dual PreK-8/7-12/  
Master of Education Reading Specialist (5-yr program)

The Department of Special Education at Clarion University has been a leader in the field for more than 50 years. Through scholarship, teaching and service, the department has disseminated innovative practices for both pre-service and in-service professionals. Our program focuses on the science of learning and evidence-based practices to prepare teachers who are ready to meet the needs of all students and accelerate the learning of those who struggle to keep up with their peers. We have a variety of majors, minors and certificates in our department to prepare students for fulfilling careers in the field. When it comes to special education, Clarion is a leader in the state and our graduates are highly sought after.

We are:

- The ONLY institution in the region to offer the Competent Learner Model classes for credit.
- One of the first schools in the state to meet the new certification guidelines.
- One of three institutions in PA that have combined special education and reading instruction.
- One of six institutions in PA accredited by the International Dyslexia Association.



WE'VE BEEN  
PREPARING TEACHERS  
*for more than*  
**150**  
**YEARS**



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*and*  
TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES  
IN IRELAND AND SPAIN



**49**  
**STATES**  
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## CERTIFICATE & MASTER OF EDUCATION

- Master of Education
  - Concentration in curriculum, instruction & teacher leadership (OL)
  - Concentration in early childhood (OL)
  - Concentration in mathematics (OL)
  - Concentration in reading (OL + 2 on campus courses)
  - Concentration in science (OL)
  - Concentration in technology (OL)
- Master of Science in Special Education
  - Concentration in reading (IDA Accredited; face to face)
  - Concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis (become a BCBA and/or CLM professional)
- Graduate certificates:
  - Assistant Applied Behavior Analysis & Competent Learner Model (OL)
  - Applied Behavior Analyst and Competent Learner Model (OL)
  - Autism Spectrum Disorders
  - Gifted & Talented Education (OL)
  - Online Instruction Endorsement (OL)
  - Skills for Teacher Leaders (OL)



While you work to complete your associate's or bachelor's degree program, you may choose to continue on and pursue a master's degree. Dual certifications, endorsements and master's programs give our students an edge when it comes to getting their dream job! Along with our traditional four-year programs, we also have five-year programs resulting in multiple certifications, endorsements and minors, adding specialized knowledge to your bachelor's degree, and certificate programs that can uniquely qualify you for various positions. Depending on the concentration, master's degree programs are offered online or face-to-face, and are an

effective, efficient way to fulfill licensure requirements, deepen knowledge, and open pathways to new phases of your career.

With a Master's in Education degree, you can:

- Earn a Teacher Leadership Endorsement while exploring leadership roles and possible articulation into Holy Family's online Principal Certification Program
- Become a reading specialist
- Learn to design instruction for online platforms and teach in the cyber environment



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