

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION



ABOUT GRADUATE STUDIES

West Chester University offers high-quality graduate degrees in more than 60 disciplines or areas of study, as well as certificate and certification programs. The graduate studies program has grown remarkably since its introduction in 1960. West Chester University's program is the largest within the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education enrolling more than 2,000 graduate students.

Programs can be taken on a part-time basis, and most of the graduate classes are scheduled during late afternoons and evenings for the benefit of in-service teachers and other employed persons.

Mission of the Institute

The Institute for Educational Excellence and Entrepreneurship (3E Institute) identifies, supports, and mentors entrepreneurial educators who collaborate with colleagues, parents, businesses, and the community to meet the needs of all students. The institute's certificate courses stimulate the development of vision and purpose essential to life-long accomplishment, integrity, and commitment to teaching. It immerses educators in innovation, problem-based learning, collaboration, leadership, and other 21st century skills that teacher participants learn, model, and incorporate into curricular projects. They may elect to participate in local business, industry, and/or laboratories.

Program of Study

The entrepreneurial education certificate program is based on the following premises:

- Education must connect to the world outside the classroom to stay relevant.
- Teachers and students must learn how to interact and compete in an environment of global interaction and competition.
- Students need to learn how to be flexible and adaptable to change, as well as use critical thinking.
- Entrepreneurial educators are change agents and model incremental change strategies for their students.
- Collaboration and partnering are vital 21st century skills.
- 21st century educators measure and document the impact and change in their students' achievement.

Career Opportunities

Educators seeking effective, challenging, and innovative ways to engage their students, as well as those who wish to develop as 21st century teacher-leaders, will find this program inviting.

The program addresses educators' professional needs at various career stages:

- Seasoned educators who look for new inspiration, perspective, and an energy boost
- Second-career educators seeking pedagogical grounding and mentoring
- Educators who may be pursuing a master's degree and envision a role as teacher-leader.

The courses taken for the entrepreneurial education certificate can also be used toward the focus of inquiry credits needed for the master of education degree should a student apply for that program at a later time, be accepted, and finish all requirements within the six-year time period allowed for degree completion.

Curriculum

This certificate, developed by the College of Education's 3E Institute, is interdisciplinary in nature, with participation from

1. College of Education
 - Department of Elementary Education
 - Department of Professional and Secondary Studies
2. College of Arts and Sciences
 - Department of Mathematics

The interdisciplinary approach also is reflected through faculty participation of faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Public Affairs, and the College of Health Sciences as guest lecturers on special topics during the courses.

Program Offered

This is a 12-semester hour certificate program (four courses). At this time, all courses carry three graduate credits and are offered primarily during the summer.

I. Required Courses (6 semester hours)

EDE 563 Teacher as Leader
EEE 500 Entrepreneurial Education

II. Elective Courses (6 semester hours)

Choose two from the following:

EEE 501 Emerging Science and Technology

MAT 595 Topics in Mathematics Education:

Quantitative Literacy

EEE 503 Applied Learning Seminar

EEE 504 The 21st Century Educator Externship

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About West Chester University

A regional, comprehensive, institution, West Chester University of Pennsylvania offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification programs. As the second largest member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition; the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides more than \$5,000 toward the cost of each Pennsylvania student who attends.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School. Today, more than 13,600 students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the picturesque, 402-acre campus situated in the Borough of West Chester. Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited in the United States or its equivalent from a school in another country.

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