

Bachelor of Science in Education: Secondary Education

Certification Programs in: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Science & Mathematics (dual certification), Earth and Space Science, English, ESL, General Science, German, Mathematics, Physics, Physics and Mathematics (dual certification), Social Studies, and Spanish.

Minors: Secondary Education, ESL

The Secondary Education major prepares future educators with the knowledge and tools they need to be successful high school teachers. Students will learn curriculum and methods for teaching specific subjects, organization and classroom management, instructional technology and the needs of diverse learners. Students interested in teaching secondary education will find a distinct set of challenges and many rewards in this exciting field. After completing 60 credits in this program, you are eligible to be a substitute teacher. Please contact the district of interest to learn more.

Career types associated with Secondary Education

(Is this a good fit for you? Are you...)

Social - "Helper"

Enterprising - "Persuader"

Artistic - "Creator"

Related skills, values, and qualities

- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate ideas, facts and abstract concepts to others
- Ability to interact with people of diverse backgrounds and personalities
- Desire and ability to work with children
- Enthusiasm for teaching
- Sense of humor and friendly attitude
- Ability to organize, maintain records and meet deadlines
- Ability to use and incorporate technology into teaching
- Ability to make decisions, solve problems and remain calm in stressful situations
- Ability to adjust to close public scrutiny & criticism

Courses Secondary Education majors enjoy

- Psychology
- Public Speaking
- English
- Sociology
- Social Studies
- Science
- Math

Common interests of Secondary Edu. majors

- Working part-time or as a volunteer tutoring high school students
- Playing or coaching team sports or participating in community service organizations
- Attending lectures, workshops, or conventions related to education
- Helping to organize and plan social events
- Working part-time or as a volunteer peer/camp counselor, tutor, 4-H leader or scout leader
- Serving as a mentor to youth
- Volunteer experience with urban youth

For more information about the major

Contact the Secondary Education Department
226 Beekey, secondaryeducation@kutztown.edu,

KU Majors related to Secondary Education

Elementary Education, Special Education, Library Science, Art Education, Music Education, Mathematics, English, History, Spanish, German, Biology, Physical Sciences

FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS

EXPLORE

DISCOVER

EXPERIENCE

IMPLEMENT

1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR

4TH YEAR

- Enroll in the Career Exploration Certificate.
 - Attend info sessions to learn about career development and personal branding.
 - Take a career assessment to identify and confirm interests.
 - Get involved in campus clubs and organizations.
 - Develop basic workplace skills through jobs or volunteer work.
 - Talk with professors, family, and friends about career ideas.
 - Conduct informational interviews with professionals working in fields of interest.
 - Develop a relationship with your professors and faculty advisor.
- Meet with CDC career coach.
 - Attend info sessions to learn about resume writing, and externships.
 - Confirm your choice of major and consider options for double major or minor.
 - Research careers of interest.
 - Complete a job shadowing (externship) experience.
 - Seek meaningful employment or volunteer work in a field related to your major.
 - Explore options for undergraduate research and study abroad.
 - Write a resume and have it reviewed by the CDC.
 - Manage your online presence.
- Enroll in the Career Success Certificate.
 - Complete an internship and/or undergraduate research.
 - Attend info sessions about internships, interviewing, job search strategies, and grad school.
 - Build a LinkedIn profile and continue to monitor your online presence.
 - Complete a mock interview.
 - Build skills through research projects, part-time employment, and volunteer work.
 - Participate in Careers Cafe & networking programs.
 - Attend internship & job fairs.
 - Take on a leadership role in a student organization or work.
 - Consider graduate school options and prepare for admissions tests.
- Attend your senior kick-off and other info sessions to prepare for job search/grad school.
 - Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
 - Create cover letter drafts.
 - Gain experience through internships and/or undergraduate research.
 - Secure references for job/grad school applications.
 - Create your "30 second" commercial.
 - Meet with CDC to develop job search strategies.
 - Research employers.
 - Network with professionals through events and social media.
 - Join a professional organization in your discipline.
 - Attend the senior etiquette dinner.
 - Participate in job fairs and on-campus interviewing.

Sample Career Titles

Secondary Education majors can be found working in a wide variety of career fields. Here are just some career titles that may be of interest. Please note that some jobs may require further education and training.

- Adult Education Teacher
- Adventure/Outdoor Education Teacher
- Alumni Relations Coordinator
- Assistant Principal
- Athletic Coach/Director
- Business Education Teacher
- Child Life Specialist
- College President
- College Professor/Dean
- Community/Public Svc. Administrator
- Counselor
- Day Care Administrator
- Director of Guidance
- Education and Training Administrator
- Education Management Specialist
- Educational Administrator
- Education Consultant
- Educational Materials Sales
- Educational Researcher
- Educational Resource Coordinator
- Educational Therapist
- Elementary School Teacher
- Employee Training Instructor
- Grant Writer
- Guidance Counselor
- Historic Site Administrator
- Librarian
- Library Consultant
- Missionary Worker
- Peace Corps/VISTA Volunteer
- Personnel Director
- Principal
- Registrar
- Religious Education Teacher
- Resource Teacher
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- School Superintendent
- Secondary School Teacher
- Social Services Volunteer
- Special Education Administrator
- Special Education Teacher
- Student Admissions Administrator
- Student Affairs Administrator
- Curriculum Specialist
- Textbook Writer
- Training Specialist
- Tutor
- Vocational Rehab Counselor
- Vocational/Technical Teacher

To learn more about these careers, visit <http://online.onetcenter.org> or www.bls.gov/oco.

Common Internship Sites and Employers

Secondary Education majors often find internships and employment in the following fields/industries:

- Business and Industry
- Camps
- Public and Private Schools
- Churches
- Colleges and Universities
- Youth Services
- Community Centers/Non Profits
- Educational Publishers
- Day Care Agencies
- Hospitals
- Libraries
- State and Federal Government

Handshake

Handshake is the primary online resource for preparing and connecting students and alumni with employers. www.kutztown.edu/handshake

Useful Websites for Secondary Education Majors

Whether you are researching related career fields, applying for internships or jobs, or planning to join a professional association, these websites are for you!

Industry/Employment Information

O*NET OnLine
<http://online.onetcenter.org>

Occupational Outlook Handbook.
www.bls.gov/oco

PA Department of Education
www.pde.state.pa.us

NJ Department of Education
www.state.nj.us/education

Education Week
www.edweek.org

Job/Internship Search Boards

PA-REAP
www.pareap.net

PA-Educator.net
www.pa-educator.net

Internships.com
www.internships.com

Teachers-Teachers
www.teachers-teachers.com

Southern Teacher's Agency
www.southernteachers.com

K-12jobs.com
www.k12jobs.com

Education Job Page
www.nationjob.com/education

School Spring
www.schoolspring.com

US-REAP
www.reap.net

Pennsylvania School Board Assoc.
www.PSBA.org

LinkedIn Jobs
www.linkedin.com/jobs

Professional Associations

PA School Board Association
www.psba.org

American Federation of Teachers
www.aft.org

PA State Education Association
www.psea.org

National Education Association
www.nea.org

Teachers of English to Speakers
of Other Languages
www.tesol.org

National Council of Teachers of
Mathematics
www.nctm.org

National Council for the
Social Studies
www.socialstudies.org

National Science Teaching
Association
www.nsta.org

National Council of Teachers
of English
www.ncte.org

American Council on the Teaching of
Foreign Languages
www.actfl.org

Building Your Resume for a Career in Secondary Education

Building a strong resume for your career field starts long before you ever start your job search. Employers want to hire graduates who not only have the necessary educational background but also have experience applying that knowledge to real life situations.

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PROFILE

Interested in teaching biology to 12th graders in the Reading School District.

CERTIFICATION

Secondary Education - Biology

EDUCATION

B.S.Ed. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Major: Secondary Education/Biology
Minor: Biochemistry
Dean's List

Kutztown, PA
Dec 20xx
Spring 20xx

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Reading High School

Teacher Candidate, Clinical Experience

- Taught 10th grade biology including dissection instruction with 3D projector technology
- Created instructional strategies for differentiated units utilizing interactive SMART Board

Reading, PA
Spring 20xx

Hamburg High School

Teacher Candidate, Clinical Experience

- Taught 9th and 10th grade Anatomy and Physiology, and Zoology
- Assisted in leading monthly class trips to local zoo

Hamburg, PA
Spring 20xx

Brandywine Heights High School

Professional Semester Student

- Co-taught 12th grade Advanced Biology course with gifted students
- Served as advisor for the Brandywine Heights Biology Club

Topton, PA
Spring 20xx

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Philadelphia Zoo

Education Ambassador Intern

- Assisted with animal care and handling for educational programs
- Presented information on featured wildlife, natural habitats, and endangered species conservation efforts

Philadelphia, PA
Summer 20xx

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA)

American Federation of Teachers

Spring 20xx-Present
Fall 20xx-Present

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

Public Relations Chair, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity

- Promote the public image of the Chapter to the University and community
- Update and maintain the Chapter social media pages (Facebook, Pinterest & Twitter)

Member, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity

Treasurer, Bonner Hall Council

Recipient, Career Success Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center

Recipient, Career Exploration Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center

Fall 20xx-Present

Spring 20xx-Present

Fall 20xx

Spring 20xx

Fall 20xx

WORK EXPERIENCE

Kutztown University Health & Wellness Center

Desk Receptionist

- Schedule appointments, manage waiting room, record and file confidential information

Kutztown, PA
Fall 20xx-Present

Take note of the skills and knowledge obtained through your educational background and hands-on experiences. Highlight transferable skills such as presentation abilities and technological proficiencies.

Learn more about your field and develop the necessary skills for employment by gaining hands-on experience through clinical practice and related work or volunteer experience.

Develop professionally through campus involvement and professional memberships. This illustrates responsibility, leadership abilities and time management skills.