

# BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## Magnet Program

### **Why consider the Education Field?**

Why teach? Anyone who teaches will tell you that teaching is a profession that gives you the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. Not only do teachers change students' lives, they influence the leaders of tomorrow. Teachers are the foundation on which our society is built. Every great leader can point back to a teacher who inspired them, encouraged them and opened new doors to them. But teaching has even more to offer. It is the opportunity to use creativity, communication, and interpersonal skills. It offers career flexibility and autonomy in a vocation that is a passion, not a job. Teachers get to be life-long learners with the chance contribute to the field of education.

Are there job opportunities in teaching? Yes. The United States is facing a national teaching shortage. In Pennsylvania alone, there will be 4,600 openings yearly until 2022 with starting salaries ranging from \$40,000 - \$45,000. Even more important than the financial opportunity, though, is the chance to inspire future generations, work for social justice, spend more time with family, and have a job that you love.

### **What is the Education Magnet Program at Bloomsburg University?**

The Education Magnet Program, founded in Fall 2017, allows high-achieving high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to get a head start on a college career in education. The program offers a chance to explore coursework in elementary, middle, secondary, and special education.

Contrary to current beliefs, college graduates with degrees in education are in great demand with 170,000 new teaching openings each year. The Education Magnet program provides your son or daughter with a strong foundation toward completing a degree in education. Through the program, your son or daughter can earn up to 30 college credits that will apply to an education major either at Bloomsburg University or at the college of his or her choice while also meeting other students from the region who are interested in the education field. For example, an Education Magnet student can anticipate entering college with the equivalent number of credits as a sophomore after completing the Program.

### **What will my son or daughter do in the Education Magnet Program at Bloomsburg University?**

While continuing to take classes at their current high school, your son or daughter will be a part of a cohort of students from 17 school districts who will take two college courses per semester at Bloomsburg University. Students also have the option of taking a summer course at Bloomsburg University. A sample of courses include:

Introduction to Individuals with Exceptionalities, Education Technology, Multicultural Education, Principals of Teaching, Technology for Individuals with Disabilities, Introduction to Early Childhood Education, Introduction to Statistics, General Psychology, English, Chemistry for the Citizen, Human Biology

### **What other opportunities and support are available during the Education Magnet Program?**

During the first semester, students in the Education Magnet Program meet several times weekly to study and collaborate together. Instructors and tutors are also available during the week to offer assistance to master the material covered in the courses. In addition, students are exposed to study skills during the first semester that will help them prepare for college level work.

Students enrolled in the program will also gain exposure to the Education field by meeting with College of Education professionals to discuss the opportunities available after earning an education degree. Presenters from the college and community are brought in during the program to discuss the different opportunities available in the education field.

### **What is the cost to attend the Education Magnet Program?**

Currently, the cost is for textbooks only. A full tuition scholarship is now being offered to all students participating in the Education Magnet Program for 2020-2022.

### **How do we apply?**

All students must meet the eligibility requirements and complete the online application available at [www.bloomu.edu/stem](http://www.bloomu.edu/stem). An Education Magnet panel will review all applications, based upon an established rubric.

### **What are the minimum requirements to apply?**

- Must be a current sophomore at one of the sponsoring school districts.
- Must have taken two years of mathematics with minimum B grade.
- Must have taken two years of English with minimum B grade.
- Must have a positive recommendation from a high school teacher familiar with work.
- Must have a minimum attendance record of 95 percent.

### **What will be required if accepted into the Education Magnet Program?**

- A two-year commitment to the program
- A three-day (non-consecutive commitment during first summer)
- Enrollment in Bloomsburg University courses
- Total willingness to learn and participate
- Compliance with Bloomsburg University policies
- Participation in activities throughout the year

### **What is the next step after applying?**

All applications will be reviewed by regional leaders. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by email and receive acceptance forms to complete. Receipt of these forms will confirm their attendance in the Education Magnet Program. Additional information about the program will be sent upon receipt of the acceptance form.

### **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 15, 2020.**

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