



# Gwynedd-Mercy College

## PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (PDE) INSTRUCTIONAL CERTIFICATION CHANGES

All certifications (including course requirements) are subject to change to comply with the most current PDE regulations. At the time of application for certification, students must be in compliance with the most current college requirements and PDE regulations. All Gwynedd-Mercy College students seeking Pennsylvania State certification in any specialization area are required to complete all requirements for certification including state-mandated tests and submit completed forms to the GMC's Certification Officer, Dr. William Warner at [warner.w@gmc.edu](mailto:warner.w@gmc.edu). Dr. Warner may be reached at 215-646-7300, ext. 153.

For **instructional certificates issued before September 1, 2013**, the grade level certifications levels are the following:

1. Early childhood Pre K-3 (prekindergarten through grade three or ages 3 through 8)
2. Elementary K-6 (kindergarten through grade six or ages 4 through 11)
3. Special education N-12 (prekindergarten through grade 12 or up to age 21).

**Instructional certificates issued before September 1, 2013** remain valid for the term of the certificate for the grade spans and age levels outlined above in 1, 2 and 3.

All candidates in the **current** Elementary (K-6) and Special Education (N-12) programs must complete all certification requirements by **August 31, 2013**, including testing and submitting an application to PDE. PDE will issue certificates to candidates whose complete applications are received by that date.

New certificates issued after **September 1, 2013** for candidates that have completed the Gwynedd-Mercy School of Education program will be the following: **Grades PreK-4, Grades 4-8**; (will be qualified to teach any subject in grades, 4, 5, & 6 in addition to Math and Science in grades 7 & 8), and **Special Education PreK-8** (must have a certificate in one of the following; PreK-4, Elementary, Grades 4-8, or Reading Specialist).

