

# POINT PARK UNIVERSITY

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## **Point Park University announces establishment of a School of Education**

-- Effort reflects the need for qualified teachers both regionally and nationally --

*PITTSBURGH, PA* – Point Park University announced today the establishment of a School of Education. The move reflects current needs in education for undergraduate, master’s and doctoral degrees, offered in flexible online, campus, or hybrid programs.

“Establishing a School of Education at Point Park reflects the status and reputation of this exceptional department, not only regionally and nationally, but within our own campus community,” said Paul Hennigan, Ed.D., president of Point Park University.

The School of Education announcement was made today at a campus event attended by Point Park University faculty, students, alumni, education leaders and invited guests.

Prior to launching the School of Education, Point Park University’s Department of Education has seen its enrollment increase, particularly in graduate programs at the master’s level and through the establishment of doctoral-level degrees. Currently, the School of Education offers 10 graduate degree programs in such innovative areas as athletic coaching and the superintendent letter of eligibility, and in more traditional areas such as special education and secondary education

An Ed.D program in leadership and administration is a three-year program offering professional leadership, superintendent’s letter of eligibility, K-12 administration and an individualized concentration.

There are 32 undergraduate degree programs currently offered at Point Park, including pre-K – grade 4, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade education, secondary education, instructional studies, early childhood education and special education dual certification.

“The field of teacher education is one that is multi-faceted with requirements at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The need for expanding programs and recruitment to meet state and national demands is without question,” said Darlene B. Marnich, Ph.D., professor of education and chair of the education programs at Point Park University. “We have always looked at innovation programmatically and our willingness to develop new programs will allow us to continue to meet and exceed the needs of current and future students.”

The U.S. is currently facing a teacher shortage across the country and although Western PA has historically not been adversely affected by such shortages, that is no longer the case. Every state, including Pennsylvania, is experiencing teacher shortages in key subject and certification areas, including special education, science and math, and middle school education.

For more information on Point Park University's School of Education, visit [www.PointPark.edu](http://www.PointPark.edu).

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