



ABCTE Program

American Board for the
Certification of Teacher Excellence

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Expand your career to be a Pennsylvania Department of Education-certified teacher through the ABCTE program at Point Park University

Point Park University is the only higher education institution in Pennsylvania that offers this state-approved alternative teacher certification program.

The nonprofit American Board for the Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) has partnered with the University to place qualified professionals in the classroom through the ABCTE program.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Anyone who holds a bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited college or university.

WHAT ARE THE CERTIFICATION AREAS?

Students who successfully complete Point Park's ABCTE program may obtain a Pennsylvania Instructional I certificate in:

- Pre-K – Grade 4
- Special Education, Pre-K to Grade 12

Secondary Education, Grades 7-12, in the following areas:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- General Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Social Studies

WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS?

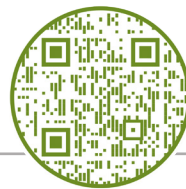
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Join a regularly scheduled Zoom session to gather information and ask questions. Email Denise Beverina-Moore at dmoore@pointpark.edu to schedule a timeslot.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

See page 2 of this flyer for a general overview of the process. For full details about application procedures, costs and more, visit: pointpark.edu/abcte



“ Point Park’s ABCTE program uses a hands-on approach focused on real classroom experience, and prepares future teachers for their first year of teaching by familiarizing them with tools and skills they will use and incorporate into their classes.”

LEVI DONALDSON BROWN

- B.A. in History, '19, ABCTE, '23
- Teacher, Propel Schools, Pittsburgh

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THE ABCTE PROCESS AT POINT PARK UNIVERSITY

Below is a general overview. Visit pointpark.edu/abcte for full details, including all requirements.

PHASE 1

1. Read Point Park University's ABCTE handbook, then visit the American Board at americanboard.org to register.
2. Take and pass the ABCTE required exams.
3. Apply online to Point Park University by visiting pointpark.edu/abcte and follow the instructions at step #3. Or sign waiver for an early admission to complete coursework before you pass your exams.

PHASE 2

4. After being admitted to Point Park, register for two online graduate classes. (Please note: transfer credits are not approved for the ABCTE Program.)
5. Submit American Board exam scores and Passport to Teaching certificate.
6. Complete and submit the statement of financial responsibility form.
7. Request approval for your 60-day teaching placement, which must include: the name of the school district, the school district calendar, and your teaching schedule.
8. Complete and submit the placement verification form.
9. Apply for new Act 33, Act 34 and FBI clearances and submit to Point Park.
10. Complete online training: Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse: Mandated and Permissive Reporting in Pennsylvania and submit certificate.

PHASE 3

11. Upon successful completion of Phases 1 and 2, apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Temporary Teaching Permit (TTP). Learn more at: education.pa.gov.
12. Submit your Temporary Teaching Permit to Point Park.
13. Mentoring process begins.
14. Complete 60 consecutive days of teaching and submit all assignments.

PHASE 4

15. Upon completion of Phase 3, apply for Instructional 1 certification through the Teacher Information Management System (TIMS) at education.pa.gov/TIMS.

COSTS

It is important to understand that costs are incurred through the American Board, PDE and Point Park University. Details are available on Point Park's ABCTE webpage.

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Learn more!
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