

Instructional Coach Endorsement Program

The Instructional Coaching Endorsement program documents knowledge in new and emerging areas where formal certification does not exist. The program is intended to improve a teacher's skill in working with other professionals (teachers) in a collegial manner to promote high-leverage practices in the classroom. An endorsement program is added to a teacher's existing Level I or Level II Certification, but is not required to perform service in this area. The Instructional Coaching Endorsement program can be completed as part of the master's of education degree in Teaching and Curriculum or as a stand-alone program. Courses are available via Zoom and virtual platforms.

This program is recognized by the [Pennsylvania Department of Education \(PDE\)](#).



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Endorsement Program Requirements

The professional core courses, competencies, and experiences for the Instructional Coach Endorsement program are designed to address the specific set of issues, knowledge, and competencies that are relevant to teaching and learning. The program prepares coaches who will be able to support teachers' efforts to help students master academic standards and the content assessment anchors.

The Instructional Coaching Endorsement Program consists of 12 credits of required coursework that is available with face-to-face, online, and hybrid remote options. The program may be taken as a standalone, or in conjunction with the master's degree in Teaching and Curriculum or the Principal Certification program.

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Courses Overview

Core Courses

- EDLDR 841 Data Informed Leadership (3)
- EDLDR 861 Principles of Instructional Leadership (3)
- EDUC 806 Curriculum and Instructional Design (3)
- ADTED 505 Teaching of Adults (3)

Courses are available in hybrid and online formats throughout the year.

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Program Requirements for Admission

Admission is on a rolling basis. Candidates must meet the following admission requirements:

- An overall GPA of at least 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale in previous college work
- A valid Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate
- Three (3) years of successful teaching experience before the endorsement can be awarded.

Applying for Endorsement

Upon completion of all program requirements, the candidate is eligible to petition the PA Department of Education for an endorsement certificate. This would be classified as an add-on to an existing PA Level I or Level II certificate.

Currently, the Pennsylvania Department of Education is utilizing an online system to manage all certificates and endorsements: the Teacher Information Management System (TIMS). The candidate needs to log into the TIMS section of the PDE website to process an application for an add-on. The endorsement application must be approved by the Penn State Harrisburg Certification Officer and may not be submitted until all courses and required field experiences have been completed.

How to Enroll

To enroll, complete the online application within the [Graduate School online application](#).

- Follow the onscreen instructions to log in.
- For *Enrollment Type*, select "Nondegree Admission." (Certification or Endorsement programs do not award a degree)
- For *Campus*, Choose "Harrisburg."
- Select the appropriate semester of enrollment
- Save and continue to add your information and submit the application.

If you experience difficulty using our online application, please contact:
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