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Institution Information

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Institution/Program Type: Traditional
Academic Year: 2013-14
State: Pennsylvania

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Is your institution a member of an HEA Title II Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education?
(<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/tqp/index.html>)

No

If yes, provide the following:

Award year:

Grantee name:

Project name:

Grant number:

List partner districts/LEAs:

List other partners:

Project Type:

Section I.a Program Information

List each teacher preparation program included in your traditional route. Indicate if your program or programs participate in a Teacher Quality Partnership Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education as described at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/tqp/index.html>.

Teacher Preparation Programs	Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Member?
Biology/General Science	No
Early Elementary PK-4	No
English 7-12	No
Social Studies 7-12	No
Special Education PK-8	No
Total number of teacher preparation programs: 5	

Section I.b Admissions

Indicate when students are formally admitted into your initial teacher certification program:
Other When established admission requirements (GPA and coursework) are met

Does your initial teacher certification program conditionally admit students?
No

<http://www.neumann.edu/admissions/default.asp>

Please provide any additional comments about or exceptions to the admissions information provided above:

Students are accepted on the undergraduate level when they earn 48 college level credits (6 in Math, 3 in Composition, 3 in Literature) and earn a cumulative GPA of 3.00.

On the post-baccalaureate level they are to have earned the undergraduate degree. They are to have an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Section I.b Undergraduate Requirements

Please provide the following information about your teacher preparation program's entry and exit requirements. (§205(a)(1)(C)(i))

Are there initial teacher certification programs at the undergraduate level?

Yes

If yes, for each element listed below, indicate if it is required for admission into or exit from any of your teacher preparation program(s) at the Undergraduate level.

Element	Required for Entry	Required for Exit
Transcript	Yes	Yes
Fingerprint check	Yes	Yes
Background check	Yes	Yes
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in content area coursework	No	No
Minimum GPA in professional education coursework	Yes	Yes
Minimum ACT score	No	No
Minimum SAT score	No	No
Minimum basic skills test score	No	No
Subject area/academic content test or other subject matter verification	Yes	Yes
Recommendation(s)	Yes	Yes
Essay or personal statement	No	Yes
Interview	No	Yes
Other	No	No

What is the minimum GPA required for admission into the program?

3

What was the median GPA of individuals accepted into the program in academic year 2013-14

3.65

What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program?

3

What was the median GPA of individuals completing the program in academic year 2013-14

3.778

Please provide any additional comments about the information provided above:

Section I.b Postgraduate Requirements

Please provide the following information about your teacher preparation program's entry and exit requirements. (§205(a)(1)(C)(i))

Are there initial teacher certification programs at the postgraduate level?

Yes

If yes, for each element listed below, indicate if it is required for admission into or exit from any of your teacher preparation program(s) at the Postgraduate level.

Element	Required for Entry	Required for Exit
Transcript	Yes	Yes
Fingerprint check	Yes	Yes
Background check	Yes	Yes
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA	Yes	Yes

Minimum GPA in professional education coursework	No	Yes
Minimum ACT score	No	No
Minimum SAT score	No	No
Minimum basic skills test score	No	No
Subject area/academic content test or other subject matter verification	Yes	Yes
Recommendation(s)	Yes	Yes
Essay or personal statement	Yes	Yes
Interview	Yes	Yes
Other	No	No

What is the minimum GPA required for admission into the program?

3

What was the median GPA of individuals accepted into the program in academic year 2013-14

3.518

What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program?

3

What was the median GPA of individuals completing the program in academic year 2013-14

4

Please provide any additional comments about the information provided above:

Section I.c Enrollment

Provide the number of students in the teacher preparation program in the following categories. Note that you must report on the number of students by ethnicity and race separately. Individuals who are non-Hispanic/Latino will be reported in one of the race categories. Also note that individuals can belong to one or more racial groups, so the sum of the members of each racial category may not necessarily add up to the total number of students enrolled.

For the purpose of Title II reporting, an enrolled student is defined as a student who has been admitted to a teacher preparation program, but who has not completed the program during the academic year being reported. An individual who completed the program during the academic year being reported is counted as a program completer and *not* an enrolled student.

Additional guidance on reporting race and ethnicity data.

Total number of students enrolled in 2013-14:	303
Unduplicated number of males enrolled in 2013-14:	74
Unduplicated number of females enrolled in 2013-14:	229

2013-14	Number enrolled
<i>Ethnicity</i>	
Hispanic/Latino of any race:	6
<i>Race</i>	
American Indian or Alaska Native:	0
Asian:	2
Black or African American:	22
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:	0
White:	197
Two or more races:	0

Section I.d Supervised Clinical Experience

Provide the following information about supervised clinical experience in 2013-14.

Average number of clock hours of supervised clinical experience required prior to student teaching	210
Average number of clock hours required for student teaching	490
Average number of clock hours required for mentoring/induction support	0
Number of full-time equivalent faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year	9
Number of adjunct faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year (IHE and PreK-12 staff)	0
Number of students in supervised clinical experience during this academic year	138

Please provide any additional information about or descriptions of the supervised clinical experiences:

developing the projects to be completed by students in their courses at their clinical experiences; they also supervise students at their clinical sites in the courses for which they are responsible.

Section I.e Teachers Prepared by Subject Area

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by subject area for academic year 2013-14. For the purposes of this section, number prepared means the number of program completers. "Subject area" refers to the subject area(s) an individual has been prepared to teach. An individual can be counted in more than one subject area. If no individuals were prepared in a particular subject area, please leave that cell blank. (§205(b)(1)(H))

Subject Area	Number Prepared
Education - General	
Teacher Education - Special Education	56
Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	56
Teacher Education - Elementary Education	56
Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	
Teacher Education - Secondary Education	7
Teacher Education - Multiple Levels	
Teacher Education - Agriculture	
Teacher Education - Art	
Teacher Education - Business	
Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	
Teacher Education - Foreign Language	
Teacher Education - Health	
Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	
Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	
Teacher Education - Mathematics	
Teacher Education - Music	
Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	
Teacher Education - Reading	
Teacher Education - Science Teacher Education/General Science	
Teacher Education - Social Science	
Teacher Education - Social Studies	7
Teacher Education - Technical Education	
Teacher Education - Computer Science	
Teacher Education - Biology	
Teacher Education - Chemistry	
Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	
Teacher Education - French	
Teacher Education - German	
Teacher Education - History	
Teacher Education - Physics	
Teacher Education - Spanish	
Teacher Education - Speech	
Teacher Education - Geography	
Teacher Education - Latin	
Teacher Education - Psychology	
Teacher Education - Earth Science	
Teacher Education - English as a Second Language	
Teacher Education - Bilingual, Multilingual, and Multicultural Education	
Education - Other	
Specify:	

Section I.e Teachers Prepared by Academic Major

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by academic major for academic year 2013-14. For the purposes of this section, number prepared means the number of program completers. "Academic major" refers to the actual major(s) declared by the program completer. An individual can be counted in more than one academic major. If no individuals were prepared in a particular academic major, please leave that cell blank. (§205(b)(1)(H))

Academic Major	Number Prepared
Education - General	

Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	47
Teacher Education - Elementary Education	47
Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	
Teacher Education - Secondary Education	8
Teacher Education - Agriculture	
Teacher Education - Art	
Teacher Education - Business	
Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	1
Teacher Education - Foreign Language	
Teacher Education - Health	
Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	
Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	
Teacher Education - Mathematics	
Teacher Education - Music	
Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	
Teacher Education - Reading	
Teacher Education - Science	
Teacher Education - Social Science	
Teacher Education - Social Studies	7
Teacher Education - Technical Education	
Teacher Education - Computer Science	
Teacher Education - Biology	
Teacher Education - Chemistry	
Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	
Teacher Education - French	
Teacher Education - German	
Teacher Education - History	
Teacher Education - Physics	
Teacher Education - Spanish	
Teacher Education - Speech	
Teacher Education - Geography	
Teacher Education - Latin	
Teacher Education - Psychology	
Teacher Education - Earth Science	
Teacher Education - English as a Second Language	
Teacher Education - Bilingual, Multilingual, and Multicultural Education	
Education - Curriculum and Instruction	
Education - Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education	
Liberal Arts/Humanities	1
Psychology	1
Social Sciences	
Anthropology	1
Economics	
Geography and Cartography	
Political Science and Government	
Sociology	
Visual and Performing Arts	
History	
Foreign Languages	
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	
English Language/Literature	1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	
Agriculture	
Communication or Journalism	
Engineering	

Mathematics and Statistics	
Physical Sciences	
Astronomy and Astrophysics	
Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology	
Chemistry	
Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences	
Physics	
Business/Business Administration/Accounting	
Computer and Information Sciences	
Other Specify: Criminal Justice	1

Section I.f Program Completers

Provide the total number of teacher preparation program completers in each of the following academic years:

2013-14: 63

2012-13: 119

2011-12: 127

Section II Annual Goals - Mathematics

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. (§205(a)(1)(A)(ii), §206(a))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oep/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in mathematics in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2013-14

Did your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2013-14?

No

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in mathematics in 2013-14?

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in mathematics in 2013-14?

NA

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2014-15

Is your program preparing teachers in mathematics in 2014-15?

No

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in mathematics in 2014-15?

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2015-16

Will your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2015-16?

No

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in mathematics in 2015-16?

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II Annual Goals - Science

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. (§205(a)(1)(A)(ii), §206(a))

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in science in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2013-14

Did your program prepare teachers in science in 2013-14?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in science in 2013-14?

1

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in science in 2013-14?

No

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

It is difficult to meet the needs of both the biology and secondary education major. For that reason, many students choose not to continue with secondary education certification in science. We are working with this single student to try to adapt her schedule and to help her complete the program with the certification.

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Student has not graduated yet.

Academic year 2014-15

Is your program preparing teachers in science in 2014-15?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in science in 2014-15?

1

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

We have no additional students seeking this certification in science at the time. See above.

Academic year 2015-16

Will your program prepare teachers in science in 2015-16?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in science in 2015-16?

1

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

We have no additional students seeking this certification in science at the time. See above.

Section II Annual Goals - Special Education

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. (§205(a)(1)(A)(ii), §206(a))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in special education in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2013-14

Did your program prepare teachers in special education in 2013-14?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in special education in 2013-14?

50

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in special education in 2013-14?

Yes

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

appropriate.

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2014-15

Is your program preparing teachers in special education in 2014-15?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in special education in 2014-15?

47

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2015-16

Will your program prepare teachers in special education in 2015-16?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in special education in 2015-16?

40

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II Annual Goals - Instruction of Limited English Proficient Students

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. (§205(a)(1)(A)(ii), §206(a))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oep/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2013-14

Did your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2013-14?

No

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2013-14?

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2013-14?

NA

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2014-15

Is your program preparing teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2014-15?

No

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2014-15?

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2015-16

Will your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2015-16?

No

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2015-16?

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II Assurances

Please certify that your institution is in compliance with the following assurances. (§205(a)(1)(A)(iii), §206(b)) Note: Be prepared to provide documentation and evidence for your responses, when requested, to support the following assurances.

and recruitment trends.

Yes

Preparation is closely linked with the needs of schools and the instructional decisions new teachers face in the classroom.

Yes

Prospective special education teachers are prepared in core academic subjects and to instruct in core academic subjects.

Yes

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to students with disabilities.

Yes

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to limited English proficient students.

Yes

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to students from low-income families.

Yes

Prospective teachers are prepared to effectively teach in urban and rural schools, as applicable.

Yes

Describe your institution's most successful strategies in meeting the assurances listed above:

Neumann University has developed an Education Advisory Council composed of local educators representing early childhood education, early elementary education, special education, and secondary education. Their input into curriculum matters and, most importantly, clinical experiences, has proven to be invaluable and serves to insure that training is closely linked to the needs of schools and school districts.

Our core curriculum is robust and provides a thorough and diverse exposure to core academic subjects.

Our certification is a dual certification; all students are prepared for certification in special education. The implementation of Pennsylvania Chapter 49.2 mandates related to special education have enhanced this portion of our program. In addition, the implementation of course work in ELL has served to assure that all students pursuing certification receive training in this important area.

Our field experience program exposes students to a diverse array of schools and socio-economic backgrounds and include urban, rural, suburban settings. Field experience is included in each course and ensures a thorough preparation for all aspiring teachers. The addition of Child and Adult Disability and Education Services [CADES] and the continued involvement of our partnership with Elwyn and the local Intermediate Unit has greatly enhanced field experience. All students participate in a field experience designed to address the needs of under performing readers (grades K-4); this field experience is concentrated in Chester, PA. The City represents one of the lowest socio-economic in Pennsylvania and, in fact, the United States according to 2010 census figures (U.S. median household income: \$51,166; Delaware County, PA: \$63,574.; Chester, PA: \$26,540.). This serves as indication of the training Neumann University students receive in providing instruction to children from low-income families.

Section III Assessment Pass Rates

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
ETS0235 -BIOLOGY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	1			
ETS0235 -BIOLOGY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	1			
ETS0020 -EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	24	588	21	88
ETS0020 -EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	25	574	20	80
ETS0353 -ED OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS CORE CK(DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	1			
ETS0353 -ED OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS CORE CK(DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	11	154	9	82
ETS0011 -ELEM ED CURR INSTRUC ASSESSMENT Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	85	165	47	55
ETS0011 -ELEM ED CURR INSTRUC ASSESSMENT Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	127	166	66	52
ETS0041 -ENG LANG LIT COMP CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14	1			
	7			

Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13				
ETS0041 -ENG LANG LIT COMP CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	8			
ETS0830 -ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	1			
ETS5511 -FUNDAMENTAL SUBJECTS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14	1			
ETS5511 -FUNDAMENTAL SUBJECTS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	90	161	77	86
ETS5511 -FUNDAMENTAL SUBJECTS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	134	162	108	81
ESP0001 -PAPA - MODULE 1 READING Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2013-14	4			
ESP0002 -PAPA - MODULE 2 MATH Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2013-14	4			
ESP0003 -PAPA - MODULE 3 WRITING Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2013-14	4			
ESP0006 -PECT PREK-4 - MODULE 1 Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2013-14	47	225	44	94
ESP0007 -PECT PREK-4 - MODULE 2 Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2013-14	47	208	35	74
ESP0008 -PECT PREK-4 - MODULE 3 Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2013-14	47	203	30	64
ESP0011 -PECT SPEC ED PREK-8 - MODULE 1 Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2013-14	45	220	21	47
ESP0012 -PECT SPEC ED PREK-8 - MODULE 2 Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2013-14	45	222	27	60
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14	53	176	48	91
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	93	174	71	76
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	164	175	134	82
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14	53	177	50	94
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	96	176	84	88
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	163	176	140	86
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14	53	175	51	96
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	92	175	74	80
	163	174	137	84

Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12				
ETS5354 -SE CORE KNOWLEDGE & APPLICATIONS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	83	164	77	93
ETS5354 -SE CORE KNOWLEDGE & APPLICATIONS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	105	163	98	93
ETS0081 -SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14	3			
ETS0081 -SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	7			
ETS0081 -SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	13	162	9	69

Section III Summary Pass Rates

Group	Number taking tests	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
All program completers, 2013-14	63	53	84
All program completers, 2012-13	109	69	63
All program completers, 2011-12	167	118	71

Section IV Low-Performing

Provide the following information about the approval or accreditation of your teacher preparation program.

Is your teacher preparation program currently approved or accredited?

Yes

If yes, please specify the organization(s) that approved or accredited your program:

State

Is your teacher preparation program currently under a designation as "low-performing" by the state (as per section 207(a) of the HEA of 2008)?

No

Section V Use of Technology

Provide the following information about the use of technology in your teacher preparation program. Please note that choosing 'yes' indicates that your teacher preparation program would be able to provide evidence upon request.

Does your program prepare teachers to:

- integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction
Yes
- use technology effectively to collect data to improve teaching and learning
Yes
- use technology effectively to manage data to improve teaching and learning
Yes
- use technology effectively to analyze data to improve teaching and learning
Yes

Provide a description of the evidence that your program uses to show that it prepares teachers to integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction, and to use technology effectively to collect, manage, and analyze data in order to improve teaching and learning for the purpose of increasing student academic achievement. Include a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares teachers to use the principles of universal design for learning, as applicable. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the four elements listed above are not currently in place.

All students take a course dedicated to instructional technology as well as to assistive technology. In addition all course work is infused with requirements that have students implement various technologic supports to lesson planning and implementation. Several core courses (including Composition courses) focus on the effective use of technology.

Data is readily available to program faculty and administration; this data is used to make informed decisions about programs and about student progress within programs.

Section VI Teacher Training

Provide the following information about your teacher preparation program. Please note that choosing 'yes' indicates that your teacher preparation program would be able to provide evidence upon request.

Does your program prepare general education teachers to:

Yes

- participate as a member of individualized education program teams

Yes

- teach students who are limited English proficient effectively

Yes

Provide a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares general education teachers to teach students with disabilities effectively, including training related to participation as a member of individualized education program teams, as defined in section 614(d)(1)(B) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, and to effectively teach students who are limited English proficient. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the three elements listed above are not currently in place.

Our program is a dual certification program [early elementary and special education].

Neumann University has included course work, the sole focus of which is to teach students with limited English proficiency; in addition, the Delaware County Intermediate Unit has established additional training for students (beyond required course work). Neumann University's partnership with the DCIU had greatly enhanced our program.

Finally field experiences in all areas (early elementary, special education and ELL) have been increased; this has greatly enhanced the Neumann University program.

Does your program prepare special education teachers to:

- teach students with disabilities effectively

Yes

- participate as a member of individualized education program teams

Yes

- teach students who are limited English proficient effectively

Yes

Provide a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares special education teachers to teach students with disabilities effectively, including training related to participation as a member of individualized education program teams, as defined in section 614(d)(1)(B) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, and to effectively teach students who are limited English proficient. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the three elements listed above are not currently in place.

The additional coursework required by Pennsylvania Chapter 49.2 ensures that Neumann University students are well prepared to teach students with disabilities. Neumann's partnerships with both Elwyn, Inc. and the Pennsylvania Education for All Coalition (PEAC) has enhanced our ability to introduce students to field experiences that include students with disabilities that range from learning disabilities to severely and profoundly impaired. Our partnership with Elwyn, Inc. has enabled Neumann University to provide focused attention on students on the autism spectrum scale. For the past three years, we (Elwyn and Neumann) have provided special guest speakers and conferences on Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Section VII Contextual Information

Please use this space to provide any additional information that describes your teacher preparation program(s). You may also attach information to this report card. The U.S. Department of Education is especially interested in any evaluation plans or interim or final reports that may be available.

Neumann University received official notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Education that our certification program for grades PK-4 and our certification program for Special Education PK-8 received initial approval per the guidelines and mandates of Pennsylvania Chapter 49.2. Course work related to this dual certification program has been designed and implemented; our teacher education certification programs have been strengthened through these efforts. Neumann University looks forward to continued collaboration with PDE to ensure quality teacher education programs are in place. As noted, our current curriculum is a dual certification program (PK-4 and PK-8 special education) and is designed to meet the mandates of Pennsylvania Chapter 49.2. This ensures that all students in our initial teacher certification programs will receive training related to students with disabilities and limited English proficiency. To meet the state's requirements for certification, students must pass a number of state-mandated tests. To meet the needs of our students in passing these tests, we have improved the alignment and scheduling of our coursework with these tests and provide additional support in the form of a Certification Resource Center staffed by a full-time year-round person to assist students who struggle to pass these tests.

Supporting Files

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