



FACT SHEET

**Character Education Certificate  
Non-Degree Post-Baccalaureate**

This twelve-credit graduate certificate in character education has been designed to meet the needs of pre-service and in-service educators, counselors, school psychologists, and administrators as they strive to deal effectively with the mental, emotional, and social aspects of a total education. The program offers a campus-based program and an on-line program. The examination of the formalization and application of character education issues in educational professionals will encourage research into contemporary topics, reflection on professional behaviors, and collaboration with peers of similar and divergent opinions and attitudes.

**Admission Requirements:**

1. Completed graduate application
2. \$30.00 application fee (if not former EUP student)
3. \$7.00 application fee (if former EUP student)
4. Official transcript reflecting a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
5. 2.5 Overall QPA

**Certificate in Character Education Curriculum 12 credits**

<b>Introductory Courses</b>		<b>3 credits</b>
EDUC 703	Character Education in American Schools	3 credits
	OR	
ELED 730	Foundations of Character Education	3 credits
<b>Electives</b>		<b>6 credits</b>
EDUC 686	Classroom Management	3 credits
ELED 740	Conflict Resolution in Educational Settings	3 credits
SPED 710	Seminar in Exceptionalities	3 credits
APSY 628	Behavior Modification in Education	3 credits
COUN 740	Individual Development through Adolescence	3 credits
COUN 742	Developmental Counseling in Schools	3 credits
COUN 744	Techniques for Counseling the Student with a Disability	3 credits
COUN 745	Multicultural Counseling	3 credits
<b>Capstone Courses</b>		<b>3 credits</b>
CHAR 750	Programs and Practices in Character Education	3 credits
	OR	
COUN 790	Special Topics in Counselor Education <i>(Special permission required)</i>	3 credits

## **On-Line Certificate in Character Education**

**12 Credits**

### **EDUC 703 Character Education in American Schools**

**3 credits**

This course acquaints educators with the development of character education in American public schools. It emphasizes types of character education initiatives, societal forces related to character education, and the mental, emotional, and social aspects of educating for character. Classroom strategies for teaching responsibility, respect, and school-wide initiatives will be explored.

### **ELED 740 Conflict Resolution in Educational Settings**

**3 credits**

This course examines perspectives on prosocial guidance and the concepts and skills underlying conflict resolution as it relates to character education. It explores developmental perspectives and the roles of students, teachers, administrators and families in resolving conflict. This course addresses types and sources of conflict and introduces strategies, materials, and resources for dealing with conflict within the curriculum and educational settings.

### **EDUC 686 Classroom Management**

**3 credits**

This course addresses behavioral and humanistic theories of classroom management, the elements which create a positive learning environment, and research on classroom organization and student motivation. Problem solving, the ethical dimension of classroom management, conflict resolution, and management issues as they relate to educational settings are emphasized.

### **CHAR 750 Programs and Practices in Character Education**

**3 credits**

This course allows participants opportunities to review various character education programs and to examine the major components of a comprehensive values education program. In this capstone course, the projects developed for each of the previous classes in the certificate program will be revised and supplemented to create a unique character education program appropriate for the participant's educational setting and student population. *Prerequisite: EDUC 703 or ELED 730*

These on-line offerings constitute the 12-credit; graduate *Certificate in Character Education* that will be issued to the student upon satisfactory completion of the four courses. The online cohort will be limited to 25 students.

Financial Assistance: Information about financial aid is available through the Office of Financial Aid (814-732-5555 or toll-free 888-611-2680).

For more information about the graduate *Certificate in Character Education* visit <http://online.edinboro.edu>. You may also contact Rick Wagonseller, Director of On-line Programs, at [rwagonseller@edinboro.edu](mailto:rwagonseller@edinboro.edu) or 814-732-2856 or Dr. Patricia Flach, Graduate Program Head for Character Education, [pflach@edinboro.edu](mailto:pflach@edinboro.edu) or 814-732-1330.

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