



EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Character Education - Certificate Program

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. This certificate will also include a distance education option with California University of Pennsylvania.

Admission Requirements: All admission materials should be sent to: School of Graduate Studies, Biggers House, 148 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA 16444 or via email gradstudies@edinboro.edu or via fax 814-732-2611.

1. Complete the online graduate application (online.edinboro.edu)
2. \$30.00 application fee (if not former EUP student) or \$7.00 application fee (if former EUP student)
3. Official transcript reflecting a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
4. Overall 2.5 QPA. Additional information may be requested if QPA is below a 2.5.

Certificate in Character Education Curriculum

12 credits

Introductory Courses

3 credits

EDUC 703 Character Education in American Schools
OR

3 credits

EDUC 624 Character Education

3 credits

(Offered at California University of PA credit through the Academic Passport Agreement among SSHE Universities)

OR

ELED 730 Foundations of Character Education

3 credits

Electives

6 credits

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

Capstone Courses

3 credits

CHAR 750 Programs and Practices in Character Education

3 credits

OR

COUN 790 Special Topics in Counselor Education

3 credits

(Special permission required)

On-Line Certificate in Character Education

12 Credits

Fall 2006

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.

Spring 2007

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.

Summer 2007

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.

Fall 2007

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 the graduate web site for on-line programs at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, www.edinboro.edu. You may also contact Dr. Patricia B. Flach, Graduate Program Head for Character Education, pflach@edinboro.edu or 814-732-1330.