

Chapter 49 Post-Baccalaureate Program Information and Assurances

PDE understands that many institutions of higher education with approved undergraduate Chapter 49 programs would like to offer these programs at the post-baccalaureate level, including master's and intern programs. In order to expedite approval, we have developed an abbreviated method to apply for a Chapter 49 post-bacc program.

Institutions with approved undergraduate Chapter 49 programs may complete the enclosed Chapter 49 Post-Baccalaureate Program Information and Assurances Form and submit it to their PDE Liaison. By submitting and signing the form, the institution is assuring PDE that the following post-bacc specific guidelines are incorporated into their program:

1. Needs Assessment & Recruitment Plan
2. Admissions & Intake Process
3. High Quality & Streamlined Program Design
4. Field Experiences & Student Teaching
5. Candidate Assessment & Program Completion
6. Candidate & New Teacher Supports

Institutions must submit the following documents along with their Chapter 49 Post-Baccalaureate Program Information and Assurances Form:

1. Program Intake Worksheet
2. Program Advisement sheet if pathway differs from undergraduate program.

Upon review of all documentation, the Department of Education (PDE) will issue initial approval for the program. The IHE may then begin to enroll students. PDE will conduct a full review of the post-bacc program as part of the Full Program Review for the Institution. PDE reserves the right to request a copy of the program design or request a site visit at any time for review and verification of program assurances.

NOTE: Initial approval will only be granted for post-bacc programs for which there is a parallel undergraduate program already approved by PDE.

Chapter 49 Post-Baccalaureate Program Information and Assurances Form

College/University:

Contact Person:

Email:

Phone:

Instructions: After checking off the approved and Chapter 49 post-bacc program to be offered, please include the degree title of your program.

Approved Undergraduate Chapter 49 Program/

Title of Program

Pre K-4

4-8

Option I: English/Language Arts

Math

Science

Social Studies

Option II: Math & English

Math & Science

Math & Social Studies

Science & English

Science and Social Studies

SPED PK-8

SPED 7-12

Chapter 49 Post-Bacc Program to be Offered/

Title of Program to be offered: Post-Bacc Master's Intern

Pre K-4

4-8

Option I: English/Language Arts

Math

Science

Social Studies

Option II: Math & English

Math & Science

Math & Social Studies

Science & English

Science and Social Studies

SPED PK-8

SPED 7-12

Chapter 49 Program Assurances:

The program will include:

1. **Needs Assessment & Recruitment Plan:** A focus on district, regional and state needs for a highly qualified and diverse teacher pool.
2. **Admissions & Intake Process:** Identification of promising candidates and assessment their skills and knowledge.
3. **High Quality & Streamlined Program Design:** Plan to meet the needs of both candidates and school districts.
4. **Field Experiences & Student Teaching:** Integration of comprehensive and coordinated field experiences, which embed candidate competencies throughout.
5. **Candidate Assessment & Program Completion:** Assurance that candidates meet state standards and are ready to enter the classroom as teachers of record through regular, comprehensive assessments.
6. **Candidate & New Teacher Supports:** Emphasis on a range of high-quality supports during and following the program.

Required Documentation:

Upload and attach to this form the following information for each post-bacc program:

1. Program Intake Worksheet
2. Program Advisement sheet if pathway differs from undergraduate program.

Signature :

By signing this assurance statement, I _____ as a representative of the above mentioned Institution of Higher Education (IHE) agree to develop and implement the Chapter 49 post-baccalaureate programs based on the (date) (title of doc.s) . The IHE understands the programs will be reviewed through the full review process as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). The IHE also understands that PDE may request a copy of the program design or request a site visit at any time for review and verification of program assurances.

Signature / Date

Title