

## Juvenile Justice [Professional Certificate] (15 credit)

The Juvenile Justice certificate program is designed to help students understand the unique challenges facing adolescents and young adults in our rapidly changing world. Intended for counselors, educators, family therapists, social workers and other professionals dedicated to serving the developmental needs of youth in contemporary society, the program provides an overview of the major issues that impact youth development from a social justice perspective.

### Curriculum

CRJU 323	Child and Family Intervention Strategies	3 cr
CRJU 324	The Victimization of Children and Trauma Informed Care	3 cr
CRJU 312	Juvenile Justice System	3 cr
PSYC 214	Child Psychology	3 cr
PSYC 216	Adolescent Psychology	3 cr

## Education (Bachelor of Arts)

The Wheeling University Education Program was awarded full accreditation by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP) for excellence in educator preparation valid December 2022 – December 2029.

The Education Department (Teacher-Preparation Program) is designed for students who wish to pursue certification leading to licensure in Elementary Education (K-6, Multi-Subjects), Secondary Education (5-Adult Content Specialization), and/or Special Education. Students pursuing secondary certification (Grade 5-Adult) complete coursework in three areas: (1) core curriculum, (2) the professional education component, and (3) content specialization. The student will receive will choose to major in Secondary Education with an emphasis in English, General Science, Math, OR Social Studies. Those who wish to pursue certification in Elementary Education will major in Elementary Education (LSEE). Early field experiences in local schools complement content-rich University coursework, leading successful candidates to initial certification in West Virginia with reciprocity to most other states.

Licensure Offerings include the following:

- Elementary Education (K-6, Multi-Subjects)
- Secondary Education (5-Adult): English; General Science; Math; Social Studies

**NOTE:** Teacher Candidates seeking licensure in English and General Science will complete a dual major. One in Secondary Education and the other in English or General Science.

- Special Education – Multi-Categorical (K-6 or 5-Adult)

\*Endorsement Offerings include the following:

- Special Education – Multi-Categorical (K-6 or 5-Adult)- may be added onto any content license major or may be a stand-alone major.

## Admission to Education Program Requirements

Student must pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Exams in order to be accepted into the Education Department. Additionally, students must possess and subsequently maintain a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 2.5 overall. Once admitted to the Education Department, students must maintain an average of a 3.0 GPA in the major, as well as in Education and Psychology courses. Also, prior to student teaching, students must pass the praxis content exams.