Education and Human Services

The Department of Education and Human Services (EHS) includes five academic programs:

- Counseling Psychology,
- Educational Leadership,
- School Psychology,
- Special Education, and
- Teaching, Learning, and Technology

Although the EHS department does not offer an undergraduate major, the Teaching, Learning, and Technology program offers an Education minor, as well as a five-year program leading to a master’s degree and certification in a teaching field. Across the five academic programs, the department offers a variety of master’s degrees (M.Ed., M.S., and M.A.) and doctoral degrees (Ph.D. and Ed.D.), as well as an Educational Specialist degree (Ed.S.). In addition, in cooperation with the College of Business, the department offers a combination MBA/M.Ed. degree. Further, programs in the college offer coursework-only study toward Pennsylvania state certification, without having to earn a degree. Lastly, there are numerous non-degree programs of study in the college leading to a Lehigh University post-bachelor’s certificate.

Programs of study vary in the number of credits required for completion. Please consult the appropriate academic program to learn more about those requirements.

 Agencies accrediting our programs include the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the American Psychological Association, the National Association of School Psychologists, and the Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council.

Graduates of our programs may work in schools or other educational settings, in health settings and agencies, in government agencies and non-governmental organizations focused on education, in industry, in private practice, or as consultants. While many graduates work in the United States, others work in countries around the world. For more information on what our graduates do after graduation, please consult the appropriate academic program.

The College of Education subscribes to a research-to-practice model, and all academic programs in the department train their graduates in research-based and evidence-based practices and policies that seek to set priorities and to establish goals for multilingual learners (MLs); and to embed target language forms in authentic tasks.

EDUC 388 Statistical Computing 3 Credits
Use of one or more major statistical software packages. Principles of data coding, editing, integrity checking, and management. Emphasis on link between personal computers, mainframes, and other software. 
Prerequisites: EDUC 408

EDUC 391 Educational Linguistics 3 Credits
Study of language form, language function, and language varieties, among other topics. By collecting and analyzing learner language, students will develop a solid foundation of the system of English, both as it exists and as it is used. Applying this linguistic knowledge to practice, students will learn how to identify learners’ linguistic needs; to set priorities and to establish goals for multilingual learners (MLs); and to embed target language forms in authentic tasks.

EDUC 394 Special Topics In Education 3 Credits
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

EDUC 401 Globalization and Contextualization 3 Credits
The goal of the course is to clarify what globalization is and to consider the impact of globalizing ideas, structures, and cultures on education, and how educators and other stakeholders respond given their school’s or system’s unique global context. Through case studies and discussions with real-world school leaders, students explore ways that policies are “borrowed” and both educational cultures and structures are “institutionalized.”

EDUC 402 Developmental Psychology 3 Credits
Survey of theories and research concerning perceptual, cognitive, social, and personality development through infancy and childhood. Must have graduate standing.

EDUC 403 Research 3 Credits
Basic principles of research; techniques of gathering and analyzing data; design of studies in education. Emphasis on critical reviews of research reports representing various methodologies. Research report required.

EDUC 404 Globalization and Curriculum Implications 3 Credits
Investigates impact of globalization on curriculum and how curriculum has been utilized in nation building; how tensions between the global and the local are inherent in curriculum; and how curriculum is a site of construction of national and global identities. Global citizenship is one of the major curricula themes of the dynamic intersection between the global and the local. Several theoretical perspectives are presented; curricula are compared across nations to understand how globalizing curriculum differs according to culture and language.

EDUC 405 Qualitative Research Methods 3 Credits
Foundations of qualitative design as research methodology for answering questions in education. Topics include history, philosophy, types, methods, applications, and critical reading of qualitative research reports. Emphasis on developing key researcher skills of gaining entrance, collecting, analyzing and interpreting data, establishing credibility, and writing and publishing results.

EDUC 406 Social Emotional Learning in Context 3 Credits
This course takes students from a beginning understanding of social and emotional learning (SEL) and its relevance for educators to an understanding of practices that can be used in schools to promote resilience, wellness, and positive developmental outcomes for all students. Students will examine how the research grounded in different theoretical traditions frames social and emotional wellness and will evaluate whether the practices identified in research can address the needs of specific student populations.

EDUC 407 Grant Writing and Fund Raising in Education 3 Credits
This course provides a comprehensive overview of the grant writing process. All aspects of grant preparation and writing will be reviewed, including preparing to write a grant, identifying funding sources, developing a grant idea, preparing a proposal, determining appropriate funding agencies, and evaluating grant quality.

EDUC 408 Introduction to Statistics 3 Credits
Organization and description of data. Principles of statistical inference including hypothesis testing, interval estimation, and inferential error control. Emphasis on application.
EDUC 409 Analysis of Experimental Data 3 Credits
Emphasis on analysis of variance designs including one-way, factorial, nested, and repeated measures designs. Introduction to multiple regression and the analysis of covariance.
Prerequisites: EDUC 408

EDUC 410 Univariate Statistical Models 3 Credits
The univariate general linear model. Principles of expressing models and hypotheses about those models. Emphasis on similarity among the analysis of variance, multiple regression, and the analysis of covariance. Examples of nonstandard models and generalization to complex designs.
Prerequisites: EDUC 409

EDUC 411 Multivariate Statistical Models 3 Credits
The multivariate general linear model. Principles of expressing multivariate models and hypotheses about those models. Emphasis on similarity among the multivariate analysis of variance, multiple regression, and the analysis of covariance. Examples of non-standard models and generalization to complex designs.
Prerequisites: EDUC 410

EDUC 412 Advanced Applications of Psychometric Principles 3 Credits
Conceptual examination of exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis, cluster analysis, latent-trait modeling, and other advanced psychometric topics.
Prerequisites: EDUC 409 or EDUC 410 or EDUC 411 or SCHP 427 or CPSY 427

EDUC 413 Hierarchical Linear Modeling 3 Credits
This course is designed to introduce students to the theoretical underpinnings and basic applications of hierarchical linear modeling (HLM). At the end of the course, students will understand when HLM is the appropriate analysis of choice as well as be able to analyze multilevel data. Both cross-sectional and longitudinal nestedness will be considered. An understanding of regression analyses is essential for success in this course and is a prerequisite to this class.
Prerequisites: EDUC 410 or EDUC 411

EDUC 414 Structural Equation Modeling 3 Credits
Analysis and interpretation of a variety of structural equation modeling (SEM) procedures including path analysis, confirmatory factor analysis, factorial invariance, full structural equation models, and latent growth models. Understanding and critiquing both theoretical and applied literature relevant to SEM.
Prerequisites: EDUC 410 or EDUC 411

EDUC 419 Second Language Acquisition 3 Credits
Introduces theories of second language acquisition (SLA) and explores current research that addresses the psycholinguistic, affective, and sociocultural dimensions of learning a second language (L2), specifically as they relate to multilingual learners (MLs). SLA theory is fundamental to ESL practitioners’ training in teaching and supporting MLs effectively. Although this course has a theoretical focus, practical understanding of how to apply these theories in teaching will also be emphasized.

EDUC 420 Contemporary Issues in Multilingual Learner Education 3 Credits
Current educational, political, and social conditions that make learning English as a second language a matter of educational equity and social justice. Through a synthesis of the latest research and current educational trends, this course takes a critical look at the complexities of contemporary policies, school practices, and prevalent ideologies that both create and reinforce limited educational opportunities for MLs.

EDUC 422 Pedagogy for Second Language Learning 3 Credits
Introduction to research-based principles and strategies that will promote second language acquisition (SLA) for ELLs. Knowing that schools cannot delay or water down content-learning until ELLs have acquired English, this course emphasizes infusing content and language learning both in and outside the general education classroom.

EDUC 423 Curriculum and Materials Design for Multilingual Learners 3 Credits
Design of curricula and materials to meet the needs of multilingual learners (MLs). This course will guide students through the process of creating, adapting, and differentiating materials used in everyday teaching, while also giving students tools to develop curricula for their districts and schools. Students will engage in design and adaptation at many levels from curricula and courses, to assessments, lesson plans, and tasks.

EDUC 424 Practicum in Second Language Teaching 1-3 Credits
Culminating course for students pursuing the ESL Program Specialist Certificate. Throughout the practicum, students will apply the knowledge they have gained about ELL education, theory, and practice to teaching and supporting ELLs in K-12 classrooms. As they teach, students will enhance their professional expertise by evaluating, problematizing and reflecting on their praxis. In doing so, this practicum emphasizes teacher agency and the professional skills needed for self-directed, on-going growth as an ESL practitioner.

EDUC 431 Multi-Tiered Systems of Social-Emotional Support I: Foundations 1 Credit
This course provides an overview of multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS), a tiered framework that offers comprehensive emotional, social, and behavioral support to all students. The rationale for MTSS and data collection and evaluation will be discussed, with a focus on how academic and behavioral progress monitoring data can support educational practice.

EDUC 434 Prevention and Management of Crisis 1 Credit
This course is designed to introduce school personnel to crisis response in school settings, focusing on best prevention, intervention, and follow-up practices. School personnel will learn prevention strategies, discuss the considerations in building a crisis response team and learn crisis response methods, including methods of individual and group crisis counseling. Specific crises considered will include suicide, death of a teacher, student, parent, or community member, and school violence.

EDUC 435 Implementation for Equity: Leading Student-Centered Schools 1 Credit
This module is designed to develop school personnel’s knowledge about how to organize and implement initiatives that support a student’s social, emotional, and behavioral wellness. With an emphasis on implementation and operation, school personnel will focus on inter-system collaboration among community partners to address student social, emotional, and behavioral needs through the implementation of equitable SEL programs and practices. Finally, school personnel will discuss the protections associated with confidentiality.

EDUC 436 Implementation for Equity: Social Emotional Learning in Action 1 Credit
This module is focused on application of social-emotional theories and practices to create equitable learning environments. This course will engage school personnel in identifying one or more inequities within the school context and developing a culturally responsive plan to remediate these inequities. Considering organizational readiness, school personnel will focus on inter-system collaboration among family, school, and community partners to assess and address student social, emotional, and behavioral needs, as well as learn skills to engage youth in decision-making processes.
Prerequisites: EDUC 406

EDUC 437 Identity and Cultural Foundations of Latin American People in the US 3 Credits
This course offers a survey of the socio-cultural and historical underpinnings of Latin American identity, with a focus on Latin American people in the United States. The course reviews foundation/contextual commonalities in the formation of one “Latin American identity” while emphasizing racial, ethnic, and other heterogeneity within the Latin American community. Some of the topics addressed in the course include pre-colonial foundations, colorism, acculturation, and contemporary issues related to Latin Americans in the U.S.
EDUC 438 Community Based & Educational Interventions for the Mental Health of Latin American People in the US 3 Credits
This course offers an introduction to social determinants of mental and physical health of Latin American people in the US. The course specifically addresses the following social determinants: educational equity, mental health access, health care access, economic stability, neighborhood health, and social and community processes. The course has a participatory component, through which students partner with a community group, organization (mental health agency or healthcare), or school to design a structural intervention that addresses social determinants impacting that community. The.

EDUC 451 Cognition and Emotion 3 Credits
Basic principles and contemporary theories of cognitive psychology and affect will be covered. Experimental research relevant to contemporary theories of cognitive psychology and affect and the application of these theories in educational settings will be reviewed.

EDUC 456 Trauma and Resilience in Schools 3 Credits
This course is designed to provide educators and mental health trainees with a comprehensive exploration of psychological trauma and resilience; including the history and current theories in the field; the nature of trauma; how trauma and loss affects individuals and systems; grief reactions; learning and behavior and traumatic stress; and the development of trauma-responsive schools. Cultural-sensitivity, survivor-centeredness, and social justice efforts are emphasized within a trauma-informed care approach to prevention and practice.

EDUC 461 Single-Subject Research Design 3 Credits
Experimental designs for use with small N's. Topics include design theory and application, experimental validity (internal, external, statistical conclusions and construct validity) and an overview of data analysis procedures.

EDUC 471 Diversity and Multicultural Perspectives 3 Credits
Examination of the influence of culture, gender, and disabilities on behavior and attitudes. Historical and current perspectives on race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity diversity, and minority group issues in education and psychology. Lecture/small group discussion. This course is restricted to graduate students in the College of Education.

EDUC 473 Social Basis of Human Behavior 3 Credits
Development of human behavior from a social psychological perspective. Emphasis placed on the impact of society upon school-age children and adolescents.

EDUC 474 Behavioral Neuroscience 3 Credits
Humans are biological creatures, and our behaviors and thoughts are influenced and constrained by our physiology. This course will describe how the function of the working brain contributes to our thoughts, feelings, and actions. We will also discuss the implications of a brain-based approach to issues of free will, responsibility, and identity.

EDUC 475 Clinical Psychopharmacology 3 Credits
This course will examine the principle concepts in pharmacology such as pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, different neurotransmitter systems and our current understanding of their relationship to behavior, as well as pharmacological treatment of various psychological or psychiatric disorders. Additionally, we will explore the ethical issues and concerns associated with taking a bioreductive view of psychology, as well as issues relating to advance in new drug development.

EDUC 482 Practicum in University Teaching: Education 1-4 Credits
Mentored and guided co-teaching focused on the design, organization, pedagogy and assessment of university courses in Education. Students in this course will work with a faculty member to apply best practices in university teaching with feedback while co-teaching students in a course in the College of Education. Students taking the course must meet the college standards for participation and be approved by the program director and department chair. May be repeated for credit.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

EDUC 486 Doctoral Qualifying Research Project 1-3 Credits
Design and implement research project under faculty supervision to meet requirements for doctoral programs.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

EDUC 490 Thesis 1-6 Credits

EDUC 491 Advanced Seminars: (with subtitle) 1-6 Credits
Intensive study and discussion of a specialized area. Title will vary.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

EDUC 493 Internship in: (with subtitle) 1-6 Credits
Opportunity for students to apply theory to practice in a variety of educational settings. Students will be supervised in the field and participate in seminars dedicated to addressing specific concerns and issues encountered during their experience. Consent of program director required.

EDUC 494 Field Work in: (with subtitle) 3 Credits
Identification of significant problems in an educational environment, review of the literature, and development of appropriate research plans.

EDUC 495 Independent Study in: (with subtitle) 1-6 Credits
Individual or small group study in the field of specialization. Approved and supervised by the major adviser.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

EDUC 496 Doctoral Research Seminar 3 Credits
For doctoral students. Research design and application to various kinds of educational problems; data collection and analysis. Criticism and evaluation of student proposals.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

EDUC 499 Dissertation 1-15 Credits