

PA Teacher Intern Certification Program

What is the Pennsylvania Teacher Intern Certification Program?

- The Intern certificate is a valid professional certificate that entitles the holder to fill a full-time professional teaching position.
- The Teacher Intern certificate is issued for a period not to exceed **three calendar years** and qualifies the holder to perform all the duties, functions and responsibilities of the certification area(s) for which it is endorsed. Its validity begins the month of issuance and lapses 36 months later whether or not the holder has been continuously employed on the Intern certificate by a public school. **This certificate can only be issued once, and under no circumstances can this certificate be renewed.**
- The validity of the Teacher Intern certificate, whether issued for general education areas regularly endorsed on instructional certificates or for vocational education areas, is contingent upon (a) the holder rendering satisfactory service to the employing school entity, and (b) **maintaining continuous enrollment** and making satisfactory progress within an approved teacher intern program leading to issuance of the Instructional I certificate.

What are the entrance and exit criteria for the Intern Program?

- To enroll in a Teacher Intern Program, a candidate must possess a minimum of a baccalaureate degree related to the area of certification requested. For example, an individual with a B.S. degree in Chemistry may seek chemistry certification.
- The candidate must apply to and complete an approved institution of higher education's (IHE) preadmission screening and be accepted into the program. (An offer of a teaching position is not a requirement for admission into a Teacher Intern Program nor does it guarantee admission into a specific Teacher Intern Program.)
- The candidate must achieve satisfactory scores on the Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics; and the appropriate specialty area test required by the Pennsylvania Teacher Certification Testing Program (PTCTP) before applying for a Teacher Intern certificate. **All K-6 and K-12 certification areas must also complete the Praxis Series Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge test.**
- The candidate must be **continuously enrolled** in a Teacher Intern Program. (Continuously enrolled is defined by the institution where the candidate is enrolled.)
- When a candidate obtains a teaching position or a firm offer, the institution in which the Intern candidate is enrolled applies to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality for an Intern Certificate. After the Bureau verifies the candidate has received passing scores on the required Praxis Series tests, an Intern certificate is issued. **The Intern candidate cannot teach without the Intern certificate.**
- Upon completion of the approved Intern Program, the institution of higher education can recommend the candidate for an Instructional I certificate. Before issuing an Instructional I certificate, the Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality must have a record stating that the candidate has passed the Student Teacher Assessment conducted by their college/university during Student Teaching.

How do I obtain a position with the School District of Philadelphia?

- Complete and submit a Standard Application for Teaching Positions in Pennsylvania Public Schools with a letter for the Dean of the college or university confirming the candidate has been accepted into a Pennsylvania Teacher Intern Program, indicating the subject and the anticipated date the candidate would be eligible to receive an intern certificate.
- Submit two (2) letters of reference from those who have firsthand knowledge of your professional competence and personal qualifications.
- Successfully complete the School District of Philadelphia selection process.

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Communication	Health	Social Studies
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Early Childhood		

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Elementary Education

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Hebrew

Italian

Latin

Library Science

Marketing Education

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