EDUCATION PK-4 AND SPECIAL EDUCATION DUAL MAJOR

The undergraduate Teacher Education programs are built upon a strong liberal arts curriculum provided through the General Education Program (GEP) at Saint Joseph’s University. This enables students to integrate their understanding of interdisciplinary content with an understanding of developmentally appropriate pedagogy. Throughout the Elementary Education Pre-K - Grade 4 program, students integrate theory with practice through coursework and field experiences.

The dual major prepares teachers for teaching in Elementary Pre-K - Grade 4 and Special Education PK12 grades. The Elementary Education Pre-K - Grade 4 major is an accredited program aligned with the Pennsylvania Department of Education requirements for teacher certification in Pre-K - Grade 4. However, students will also engage with content and pedagogical approaches relevant to grades 5 and 6.

The Special Education PK12 program is aligned with the Pennsylvania Department of Education requirements for teacher certification for Special Education PK12 grades and for serving the needs of learners of all abilities. In-class coursework is combined with weekly field experiences in local classrooms starting with the first semester of study to give students hands-on experience for teaching young learners.

See requirements here (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/education-humandev/education/special-ed/pk12-major/)