

Certification: Teacher Intern Program

Elementary and Secondary Instructional I

Pennsylvania Instructional I Certification or its equivalent from another state remains as one of the basic requirements for a Catholic school teacher in the Diocese of Harrisburg from Pre-K to 12 (cf. Policy #4130 B). Therefore, individuals who have earned a baccalaureate degree in a field other than education and desire to become a professional employee in any elementary or secondary school must enroll and be accepted into a Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) approved Teacher Intern Certification Program to earn a Pennsylvania Instructional I Certificate within three years of employment. Written proof of enrollment in an approved program must be presented to the Principal, preferably prior to the individual being hired. In the event that time does not allow for this procedure to be completed prior to the beginning of the school year, the individual must present such verification to the Principal no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of the year for which he/she has been hired.

Written verification of acceptance into an approved Intern program must accompany the individual's contract. No contract approval will be granted without this verification. An Intern has a three-year period to complete the approved institution's program requirements for PA Instructional I eligibility. Failure to obtain this required certification in the prescribed time may result in termination of employment.

Policy

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