



Accelerated Program Approval Process for Providers with a PDE Approved Program in the Matching Subject Areas

Purpose:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) understands that many program providers with approved programs would like to offer these programs at the accelerated level. In order to expedite approval, PDE has developed an abbreviated method to apply for an accelerated program.

NOTE: Initial approval will only be granted for accelerated programs that have a parallel program already approved by PDE.

Procedure:

Institutions with approved programs may complete the enclosed “Accelerated Program Information and Assurances Form” and submit it to their PDE liaison. Accelerated programs for Pre-K-4, 4-8 or special education will be considered. By submitting and signing the form, the institution is assuring PDE that the following accelerated specific guidelines are incorporated into their program:

1. Admissions and Intake Process
2. High Quality and Streamlined Program Design
3. Field Experiences and Student Teaching

Required Documentation and Submission Process:

Attach the completed form (pages 2-5) to examples of the advisement form *for each* accelerated program for which approval is sought. Scan and save each set of documents as a complete PDF file and send as an email attachment to your PDE liaison.

Upon review of all documentation, PDE will issue initial approval for the program. The program provider may then begin to enroll students. PDE will conduct a review of the accelerated program as part of the major program review cycle for the program provider. PDE reserves the right to request a copy of the program design or request a site visit at any time for review and verification of program assurances.



**Accelerated Program Information and Assurances Form:
Providers with a PDE Approved Program in the Matching Subject Areas**

College/University:

Contact Person:

Email:

Phone:

Instructions: After listing the current PDE-approved program and the accelerated program to be offered, please include the degree title of your program.

Approved Program:

Accelerated Program Desired:

Degree Awarded: Certification track only Master's Doctorate

Briefly complete the required narratives for each accelerated program to be offered.

1. **Admissions and Intake Process:** Describe how you identify promising candidates and assess their prior skills, knowledge and work experiences. Provide an example of your intake worksheet.



2. **High Quality and Streamlined Program Design:** Describe your plan to meet the needs of candidates by providing a streamlined program that does not require duplication of course work. Provide examples of your advisement sheet.



- 3. Field Experiences and Student Teaching:** Describe the integration of comprehensive and coordinated field experiences, which embed candidate competencies throughout. Describe the supervised student teaching experience, which includes the number of weeks, placements and supervision.



Signature: By signing this assurance statement, I, _____, as a representative of the above mentioned program provider, agree to develop and implement the accelerated program based on the Framework Guidelines. The program provider understands that each approved program will be subject to the provider’s Major Review cycle as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). The program provider also understands that PDE may request a copy of the program design or request a site visit at any time for review and verification of program assurances.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____