

## **Certification Requirements for Educators in Pennsylvania**

Only U.S. citizens who are at least 18 years of age are eligible for certification in Pennsylvania.

Certification in Early Childhood Education, Pre-K to 4 and Special Education, Pre-K to 12 requires a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, completion of a Pennsylvania Dept. of Education Approved Educator Preparation Bachelor's Degree Program that includes the completion of a student teaching practicum, and successful completion of the Pennsylvania Educator Certification Tests (PECT). (The PECTs can be taken upon completion of the student teaching practicum in the senior year, but some students opt to take the PECTs before or during their practicum so that they can begin working as a substitute teacher as soon as they graduate.)