



## MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

### Graduate Education Professional Development Center Fall 2026 Schedule – Second 7 Weeks

Misericordia University's Teacher Education Department/Graduate Education Programs include a professional development opportunity for the educator interested in professional growth and Act 48 credits. A student enrolled in these courses will receive three (3) graduate credits (not transferable toward a master's degree) and Act 48 credits. All courses are taught by well-qualified instructors who have expertise and experience in the areas they teach.

**Tuition:** \$330 per credit: \$990 per course  
**Dates:** Dates as indicated  
**Times:** Variable; as depicted after each individual course offering.  
Courses are offered fully online or in a blended (hybrid) format.

**Registration:** To register, please contact Karen Cefalo at 570-674-8094 or email [kcefalo@misericordia.edu](mailto:kcefalo@misericordia.edu)

**Website:** [www.Misericordia.edu/EdPDCenter](http://www.Misericordia.edu/EdPDCenter)

### Second Seven (7) Weeks – October 19, 2026 to December 14, 2026

#### EDU 585 Section DH: Behavioral Management and Support Strategies for Students with Challenging Behaviors.

**Instructor:** Mario Cella, K-5 Physical Education Instructor, 8-10 Grade Cyber Health and Physical Education

**Second 7 Weeks:** October 19, 2026 to December 14, 2026

#### ***Fully Online***

*Students will gain skills and knowledge with effective strategies to manage classroom behaviors, support students struggling with behavioral challenges, and create a positive learning environment. Topics include understanding behavior, intervention techniques, positive reinforcement, de-escalation tactics, and communication strategies.*

***The last day to drop this course with a full refund is on October 21, 2026 and the last day to withdraw from this course without a refund is on November 19, 2026.***



## **EDU 585 Section DL: Homework: The Age-Old Debate**

**Instructor:** Gabrielle Lizbinski, Teacher Hazleton Area School District

**Second 7 Weeks:** October 19, 2026 to December 14, 2026

### ***Fully Online***

*The usefulness of homework has been an ongoing debate between educators and parents. While many believe that homework is just an extension of school giving students additional practice in the concepts that are introduced within the walls of their classrooms, many feel that homework does not allow children to meet other social, emotional, and physical needs. This course will dive into the pros and cons of homework and how we can all come to a great compromise.*

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## **EDU 585 Section DM: AI for Teachers**

**Instructor:** Teri Gennaro, Reading Specialist, Hazleton Area School District

**Second 7 Weeks:** October 19, 2026 to December 14, 2026

### ***Fully Online***

*This course shows educators how to use AI tools to quickly plan lessons, differentiate instruction, and streamline everyday tasks. It also covers ethical use and how to manage student use of AI while maintaining rigor. Teachers leave with practical tools they can use immediately.*

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## **EDU 585 Section DN: Cloud Based Apps in Education**

**Instructor** Scott Duggan, Technology Specialist, Unionville-Chadds Ford School District

**Second 7 Weeks:** October 19, 2026 to December 14, 2026

### ***Fully Online***

*Current trends have shown a steady move toward cloud computing. Google Apps for Education is a suite of free, secure tools that can be used for collaboration and communication. With Google Apps for Education everything is automatically saved in the cloud. This allows users to access and edit email, documents, calendars and sites almost anywhere and anytime. Over 40 million students, faculty and staff in schools around the world are using Google Apps for Education. In this course you will learn the core components of Google Apps: Documents, Calendars, email and Sites. Additional tools such as Blogger, YouTube, Hangouts and Classroom will be introduced in the course.*

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Students are responsible for reviewing their transcripts, and previously submitted registration forms, prior to submitting a registration form to ensure they are not registering for the same course(s) in which they were previously enrolled. The student agrees to meet all requirements and obligations (both academic and financial) which result from this registration and understand that it is their responsibility to notify the appropriate departments in the event they need to drop or withdraw from this/these course(s) for any reason.