

# ***Penn State Erie, The Behrend College***

## ***Fifth-Year Education Certification Program***

With Mercyhurst College

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### **Application Process:**

1. Register with Emily Artello in DUS (1 Reed Union Building).
2. Take and pass the following sections of the Praxis I Assessment:
  - Academic Skills Assessments—Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST)
    - a. Reading (#5710—computerized)
    - b. Writing (#5720—computerized)
    - c. Mathematics (#5730—computerized)

*Praxis scores must be sent to Mercyhurst College. A copy should also be sent with your admission materials.*
3. Complete the application packet for Mercyhurst College. Packets can be obtained from and returned to the Advising Center.
4. Obtain two letters of evaluation from Behrend faculty members. It is preferable that one of the letters is from the program chair in your major program of study.
5. Graduate from Behrend with a BA or BS degree with at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA, as mandated by the Pennsylvania State Board of Education.
6. Send your official Behrend transcript to Mercyhurst College upon graduation. Official transcripts can be ordered from the Registrar's Office at Behrend, at any Penn State location, or via the Web.
7. Receive an FBI Fingerprinting Clearance. Visit [www.pa.cogentid.com](http://www.pa.cogentid.com) to register (there is a \$40 fee for this).
8. File your FAFSA! Mark that you are a "Post-Baccalaureate Student" if you're doing just certification or "Graduate Student" if you're also completing your Master's degree.

**All materials must be submitted to the Behrend Advising Center by March 3 to be considered for the Mercyhurst program that fall.**

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