

October 3, 2008

To: Members of the Gannon University M.Ed. Cohorts

Our long-standing partnership with PLS is ending December 31, 2008, and Gannon University is moving its M.Ed. Cohort Program in a new and exciting direction. The new program and additional opportunities are described below. Gannon University and PLS are committed to serving our students through this transition, enabling you to seamlessly complete your graduate education.

NEW REDUCED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: 31 credits required beginning January 1st 2009

Present Requirements		New Requirements	
24 core credits	8 courses	24 core credits	8 courses
12 elective credits	4 courses	6 elective credits	2 courses
1 portfolio credit	Portfolio Process	1 portfolio credit	Portfolio Process
TOTAL 37 Credits		TOTAL 31 Credits	

This change affects present and future cohort students. Please contact Dr. Grandinetti if you have questions.

ELECTIVES:

Gannon University's Act 48/Elective Credit Series: Beginning Spring 2009, Gannon University will be offering a number of new courses in your area that may be used as electives. These elective courses will be offered at a **reduced cost** from the graduate tuition rate for core courses. As always, these courses will be based on the Gannon University "teacher friendly" model that includes:

1. Times and locations that reflect the schedule of Pennsylvania teachers.
2. Courses offered at times that do not conflict with M.Ed. cohort courses.
3. Courses taught utilizing Gannon University's practitioner model that emphasizes theory allied to practical application.
4. First priority for course enrollment for cohort students and ample opportunity for teachers requiring Act 48 credits to enroll.
5. Courses aligned to the needs of Pennsylvania's educational community and linked to school district initiatives.

Pathways: Gannon University will continue to offer its Pathway Programs. Pathway credits may still fulfill the six credit elective requirement and also be included as the first two courses for an advanced certification.

Gannon University Courses: Students may continue to use courses offered through Gannon University as M.Ed. electives.

Transfers: Graduate students may still transfer six credits to fulfill the elective requirement. See the cohort website for the credit transfer procedures.

PLS Credits: Gannon University will continue to issue University credit for PLS courses to matriculated cohort students through April 30, 2009. PLS courses from other institutions will continue to be accepted as electives after April 30th, 2009 but the courses will need to be transferred to Gannon University. See the cohort website for the credit transfer procedures. If you have already taken PLS courses through Gannon University or are taking PLS courses through Gannon University during the Fall 2008 or Spring 2009 semesters, the courses will appear on your Gannon University transcript and no transfer is necessary.

On-Line Courses: The six elective credits may be traditional, on-line or blended courses.

QUESTIONS: M.Ed. Cohort, elective, transfer credit and PLS questions - Dr. Grandinetti 1-800-GANNON-U ask the operator for extension 7533 or 814-871-7533 or grandine002@gannon.edu. **For Pathway questions** - Dr. Kingston 1-800-GANNON-U ask the operator for extension 5626 or 814-871-5626 or kingston002@gannon.edu. **For PLS questions and PLS registration information**, call Terri Venetta at 800-326-5808 or via e-mail at Tvenetta@plsweb.com. **For PLS registration**, matriculated Gannon M.Ed. cohort students must contact Gloria at 866-757-2527.