

Important information from the PBU Teacher Education Department:
**UNDERSTANDING PENNSYLVANIA TEACHER
CERTIFICATION** (rev. 01/2001)

ATTENTION APPLICANT!
**ONLY INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR THE PBU TEACHER
EDUCATION PROGRAM MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM.**

Instructions: All international applicants for the Teacher Education Program must read the following information and sign this document in order to be considered for admission into Philadelphia Biblical University.

PENNSYLVANIA TEACHER CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

I. Teacher Certification Not Available to Non-U.S. Citizens

Non-United States citizens enrolled in teacher education programs in the state of Pennsylvania cannot become certified to teach in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

II. Teacher Certification Available Only to U.S. Citizens

Pennsylvania teacher certification can only be granted to United States citizens who have successfully completed all teacher certification requirements and have formally applied for Instructional I certification through the Teacher Certification Officer of Philadelphia Biblical University.

III. Five-Year Provisional Teacher Certification Available to Permanent Residents Planning to Become United States Citizens

A five-year provisional teacher certification may be granted only to permanent residents who intend to become United States citizens. Such permanent resident teacher certification candidates must complete the form, "Declaration of Intent to Become a Citizen of the United States," have successfully completed all teacher certification requirements, and have formally applied for Pennsylvania Instructional I certification through the Teacher Certification Officer of Philadelphia Biblical University. The provisional teaching certification is rescinded for permanent residents who have not become citizens after five years of signing the above Declaration.

IV. Philadelphia Biblical University Disclaimer to Non-Immigrant International Applicants

The PBU International Office does not recommend that international students who apply for non-immigrant visas and who are granted nonimmigrant Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) statuses attempt to obtain Pennsylvania teacher certification at Philadelphia Biblical University. The reason for this is that applicants for nonimmigrant visas (such as F-1, B-1, B-2, etc.), as well as holders of nonimmigrant INS statuses, have declared their intent to the State Department and to the INS that they only intend to temporarily stay in the U.S. and have neither entered the U.S. in order to immigrate nor to apply for United States citizenship.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I have read and understood the above information regarding Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (LAST, First, Middle) _____

For Administrative Reference Only: PLACE IN STUDENT'S PERMANENT FILE.