

TEACHER PREPARATION AT THE COLLEGIUM



THE NEED

In March 2023, Kevin Mahnken published an article in *The 74* entitled, “Amid the Pandemic, a Classical Education Boom: What if the Next Big School Trend Is 2,500 Years Old?” The article describes a movement in schools to recover classical education. This movement is occurring in some parochial schools, but especially in the growing number of independent schools.

While these schools are recognizing the importance of classical education, many are lacking faculty and administrators who fully understand just what classical education is and who have the background and the skills to teach in this way.

There is a growing need for teachers who are dedicated to classical education and who are properly trained to teach classical curricula.



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THE OPPORTUNITY

Classical education is more than a conglomeration of specific courses. It is a way of forming the person to Christ - intellectually, spiritually, and morally.



The best classical teachers are those who have experienced classical education and the personal transformation that it can achieve. The Collegium, as a classical institution, is the perfect environment for prospective teachers to

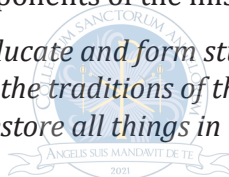
experience the life-changing power of a classical education.

Students at The Collegium acquire an intellectual preparation and a spiritual formation that give them a superb background to enter the teaching profession through a classical teacher training program.

With the preparation acquired at The Collegium and an appropriate teacher training program, Collegium alumni will compete successfully for positions in classical schools, and more importantly, they will be able to transform the lives of the students they teach.

They will be living exponents of the mission of The Collegium:

*To educate and form students,
through the traditions of the Church,
to restore all things in Christ*



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PATHWAYS TO TEACHING

There are a few steps to becoming an effective teacher:

1. First, you will need a solid educational and spiritual formation yourself, which you will receive at The Collegium.
2. Second, you will need a teaching credential. This can be attained in several ways:
 - state-credentialed certification programs;
 - graduate teacher-education programs that incorporate state certification;
 - recently established certification programs that are specifically focused on preparing teachers to teach in classical schools.

State-credentialed certificates are required to teach in public schools. They are also imbued with secular standards that are typical in the public school system. Even some Catholic schools require teachers to be state-certified.



However, several of the classical certification programs prepare

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teachers to teach in classical schools that do not require - even reject - the various state certification standards.

COLLABORATIONS

The Collegium has established relationships with two excellent teacher training programs.



INSTITUTE FOR
CATHOLIC LIBERAL
EDUCATION

The Institute for Catholic Liberal Education sponsors a **Catholic Educator Formation and Credential** program that is an alternative to state teacher certification. Collegium seniors may take the program's Foundations course and History Intensive in preparation for participating in the full program upon graduation.

The Classical Learning Test program has a **CLT Classical Teaching Corps** for which Collegium seniors may apply. The program places graduates in classical schools and joins them with a Catholic graduate program in education.



For Collegium students interested in teaching, these are excellent pathways to attain teaching positions, the necessary skills to be successful, and the opportunity to transform the lives of young students. Contact us for more information.

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