Presentation Outline

• Review & Recap
• Updates on RFP Process & Recommended University Partners
• University Partner Presentations
• Upcoming Milestones
• Questions
Para2Teacher Program Goal

To increase the diversity and quality of the PPS teacher workforce by developing a sustainable pipeline of paraprofessionals prepared to meet the needs of students in our classrooms.
Para2Teacher Recap

- **September 24, 2019**- Board approves Para2Teacher Program
- **October 15, 2019**- Program launch postponed to seek regional university partner(s)
- **November 2019**- Request for Proposals (RFP) developed
- **December 6, 2019**- RFP published
• On December 6, 2019, RFP sent to 89 PA colleges/universities with PDE-approved teacher preparation programs

• 4 Proposals submitted by December 23, 2019 deadline
  • Carlow University
  • Point Park University
  • Slippery Rock University
  • University of Pennsylvania

• 3 universities advanced to Presentation/Interview Phase

• 2 universities recommended:
  Carlow University & Point Park University
MEd with Certification

- Early Childhood PreK-4 (with 5th-6th Grade Preparation)
- Special Education PreK-12
- Art Education PreK-12
- Secondary Education 7-12 (Social Studies, English, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and General Science)
- Curriculum & Instruction, Reading Specialist, Ed Administration
MEd Foundational Components

- Culturally Responsive and Universally Designed Instruction
- Computational Thinking and Inquiry Process
- Science of Reading and Developmentally Appropriate Practice
MEd Program Features

- Hybrid Model Design: with courses meeting every other week face-to-face
- Accelerated Course Model: evening 8-week courses with program completion in 18 months or two years
- Dedicated faculty who foster personal relationships with students
- Mock interviews, portfolio development and test preparation support
TEACHING CHANGES LIVES.

Master of Education in Early Childhood Education

PPS Proposal

- 25% Tuition Discount
- Scholar Mentors for Support
- Textbook Loan Program
- Parking Passes Provided

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor’s degree
- 3.0 cumulative, undergraduate GPA
- Completed graduate application

According to the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor and Statistics, Employment of...

Kindergarten and elementary school teachers is projected to grow 3% from 2018 to 2028
NOT ALL SUPERHEROES WEAR CAPES. SOMETIMES THEY WEAR LAB COATS AND INSPIRE STUDENTS TO LOVE

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

Interested in a career teaching STEM?
Over the last decade, the U.S. Department of Education has declared Pennsylvania a Teacher Shortage Area for mathematics, biology, and chemistry.

NSF Noyce STEM Scholarship Program

• $18,000 for MEd Secondary Education STEM
Para2Teacher Program Presentation

Dr. Darlene Marnich
Dr. Richard Gutkind
School of Education
Point Park University Mission

Point Park University educates students in a diverse environment and prepares graduates to apply knowledge to achieve their goals, advance their professions and serve their communities.
Point Park University Diversity Statement

• As an institution of higher education, Point Park University recognizes its responsibility to create and maintain an environment that affirms the diversity of people and ideas.

• Point Park University embraces, supports and actively pursues a policy of inclusiveness that recognizes, values and reflects the diversity of the community we serve and the world in which we live.
Point Park Online Learning

- Cohort model--8 week asynchronous courses
- Small class sizes
- Highly qualified faculty trained in research based best online teaching practices
- Cohort Graduation Rate 83%
- 98% satisfaction rate
- Our online degrees offer students a relevant, high-quality education so they can achieve their goals, advance their careers and serve their communities.
Point Park Online Students

• Over 98% of our online Master’s students are currently employed and working part-time on their degree.
• Over 95% are non-traditional students (age 24 and older).
A Culturally Responsive Curriculum

Point Park University was a pioneer in incorporating culturally responsive pedagogy into its curriculum before the Pennsylvania Department of Education mandated such content into teacher certification requirements.
Student Support Services

• On campus orientation sessions
• Library
• Disability Services
• Financial aid services
• Personalized advising
• Opportunities to attend sporting events and theater productions
Certification Program Options

• M.Ed. PreK to Grade 4
• M.Ed. Secondary Education
• M.Ed. Special Education PreK to Grade 12

• Start in Summer of 2020 (or fall of 2020)
• Graduation in April 2022 (or summer of 2022)

• Fully-accredited for Instructional I certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)
Point Park University Scholarships

• In support of Para2Teacher program participants, Point Park University will contribute $1,500 per person per year.

• This contribution will be made via a $500 scholarship that will be awarded each semester that the student is enrolled in the scheduled 6 (or 9) required credits, in order to complete the degree in the 6 semester sequence.
Tuition and Fees - 6 Credit Semesters
(Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)

Tuition: $510 per credit x 6 credits $ 3,060
Fees: $30 per credit x 6 credits $ 180
SUBTOTAL: $ 3,240

Point Park University Scholarship ($ 500)

STUDENT TOTAL $ 2,740*

* The student total does not include monetary scholarships provided by Pittsburgh Public Schools and the Paraprofessional Union.
Tuition and Fees - 9 Credit Semesters
(Summer 2021, Spring 2022)

Tuition: $510 per credit x 9 credits       $4,590
Fees:   $30 per credit x 9 credits           $270
SUBTOTAL:                                      $4,860

Point Park University Scholarship ($500)

STUDENT TOTAL $4,360*

* The student total does not include monetary scholarships provided by Pittsburgh Public Schools and the Paraprofessional Union.
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