

# AQUINAS COLLEGE

## School of Education

### **POHI/Conductor Teacher Training at Aquinas College**

In 2001, Aquinas College (AQ) launched the first and only **conductive education** teacher training program in North America offering internationally recognized conductive education teacher certification concurrent with nationally accredited and Michigan Department of Education recognized special education teacher preparation.

This program remains the only program in North America approved by the Semmelweis University András Petö Faculty in Budapest Hungary to prepare conductor-teachers. Candidates in this program accrue over 2,000 hours of hands-on experience at the Conductive Learning Center of North America (CLC) laboratory school. Graduates from this program are in high demand in the United States and internationally. Three program options are now available:



#### **1. Degree-holding Candidate Option**

Candidates who already hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, can complete the 59 credit program in 3-4 years while working in the field. Candidates successfully completing this program will earn internationally-recognized conductor certification from the Semmelweis University András Petö Faculty.

#### **2. International and Out-of-State Candidate Option**

Candidates from abroad or from out-of-state who are not interested in Michigan teacher certification may choose to complete a Bachelor of Arts program with the 59 credit POHI major. Candidates successfully completing this program will earn internationally recognized conductor certification from the Semmelweis University András Petö Faculty in addition to their bachelor degree from Aquinas College.

#### **3. Michigan Teacher Certification & Conductor Certification Option**

Candidates interested in earning a Bachelor of Arts degree with teacher certification in special education, focused on Physically and Otherwise Health-Impaired (POHI) students, can pursue a 63 credit major in Elementary Education along with the 59 credit POHI major. Candidates in this five-year program complete over 2,500 hours of clinical fieldwork beginning in their first semester at AQ. Candidates successfully completing this program will earn internationally recognized conductor certification from the Semmelweis University András Petö Faculty, as well as Michigan special education teacher certification.



## Career Paths for POHI/Conductor Teachers

Conductive education is a growing field in the profession in the United States and throughout the world. A **holistic approach** to learning, conductive education addresses all aspects of an individual with motor disorders: motor, social, and cognitive development. Trained POHI/conductor teachers may work in a traditional school setting or with a specialized services program. Embracing an integrated program of educational and rehabilitative services, POHI/Conductor teachers work closely with other medical and educational professionals to ensure continuity of programming that will lead to self-confidence and functional independence.

## Admission Requirements

Prior to full admission in the program, candidates are expected to successfully complete a 40 hour observation experience, pass basic course work in anatomy and physiology, and hold a minimum college-level 3.0 grade point average. This approach maximizes the likelihood of candidate success and satisfaction with the program.

## Scholarships

In addition to traditional Aquinas College undergraduate scholarships, POHI students qualify for support through the Ralph and Sue Garlick Scholarship Fund. Tuition support and scholarships may also be available from regional conductive education centers.

For more information, visit [www.aquinas.edu/POHI/](http://www.aquinas.edu/POHI/) or contact Aquinas College Admissions and reach out to the staff at the Conductive Learning Center of North America. An exciting and fulfilling future awaits!

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