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College of Education

Overview

The College of Education (COE) consists of two departments: Language, Learning and Leadership, and Curriculum and Instruction, and two support offices: the Office of Field Experiences and the Office of Student Services. Dr. Christine Givner serves as Dean of the College of Education and the Chief Certification Officer for all of teacher education on campus (College of Education - Professional Education Unit or COE-PEU). Enrollment in the College of Education includes 589 undergraduate students and 230 graduate students, for a total of 819 students.

The College of Education collaborates with the dean and content departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, in currently serving 494 Adolescence Education majors, 356 Music Education majors, and 34 Communication Disorders and Sciences undergraduate majors across the university, for a total of 884 undergraduate majors in the affiliated programs of the PEU. The Dean also serves a total of 127 graduate teacher candidates in the affiliated PEU programs. The College of Education Office of Field Experiences is responsible for

oversight of more than 750 student teaching placements and 455 early field experience placements each academic year. The College of Education offers four undergraduate programs and seven graduate programs. The College of Education undergraduate and graduate students are served by 24 full-time tenure track faculty, 22 part-time faculty, and seven support staff members. The COE-PEU had 321 students complete the initial certification program and 136 students complete the advanced program for a total of 457 students completing programs in the 2008-2009 academic year.

Highlights

- During Fall 2009, the College of Education received official word from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) that SUNY Fredonia earned full continuing national accreditation for all undergraduate and graduate teacher preparation programs. This significant accomplishment recognizes the excellence of the programs. Our next national accreditation visit will be in Fall 2015.
- SUNY Fredonia’s College of Education was selected to receive a five-year, \$500,000 grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to improve the training and qualifications of our undergraduates as they earn certification in special education. The grant, Project RAISE UP, was one of just 12 to be funded nationally this year, and the first of two to have ever been funded in New York State. Dr. Kathleen Magiera, Dr. Rhea Simmons, and Dr. Christine Givner are the co-primary investigators.
- The Teacher Education Club at SUNY Fredonia, consisting of approximately 200 undergraduate teacher education students, is actively engaged in planning and participating in many informal and formal service learning and outreach activities with the children and youth of surrounding communities, and professional development opportunities. Some examples of these activities are:



- “A Fashion Show of What NOT to Wear when You Student Teach;”
- A Children’s Book Fair;
- Collaboration with the Dunkirk 21st Century Grant to provide college student tutors for Dunkirk high school and middle school students; and
- Spring Children’s Festival in Barker Commons, Fredonia.
- The College of Education applied for and received formal approval from the state Council for Exception Children (CEC) organization to initiate a SUNY Fredonia chapter. The student CEC chapter has afforded students an opportunity to attend and present at both a state and national CEC Conference.
- A group of College of Education students with two advisors, Beth Maheady and Dr. Janeil Rey, travelled to Belize during J-Term 2010 to work in Belizean schools with students and teachers.
- Both undergraduate and graduate students collaborated with faculty on many applied research projects to be presented at the Spring 2010 College of Education Research Symposium.
- The College of Education continues the “United Kingdom Student Exchange Program” for the 22nd year. Students and faculty from the United Kingdom will come to Fredonia in early Spring 2010 and a cadre of Fredonia students and faculty will visit the United Kingdom in late May 2010.

Other highlights of the College of Education include:

- College of Education faculty published 32 refereed journal articles and made over 40 presentations at national professional conferences during the 2008-2009 academic year.
- For the second consecutive year, the College of Education exceeded its enrollment target for both incoming freshman and transfer students.
- Initiation of the newly-approved dual certification program in Early Childhood-Childhood Education.

- Implementation of the newly revised and expanded graduate program in Curriculum and Instruction, the largest graduate program on campus.

Planning Assumptions

Planning assumptions used in the development of the 2010-2011 operating budget for the College of Education include the following:

- Full funding of existing positions.
- Continued funding for the needed adjunct budget to ensure coverage for the additional sections of core education courses resulting from growing enrollment and newly implemented programs in the College of Education.
- Maintenance of the current college enrollment targets for Fall 2010.
- Funding for the technological upgrades necessary to support VISTA (PC) and Snow Leopard (Apple) computer operating systems on faculty and student lab computers.

Operating Budget

The 2010-2011 operating budget will facilitate the accomplishment of the strategic goals of the College of Education. The College of Education anticipates growth in the numbers of undergraduates enrolled in the Childhood Inclusive Education program, as well as an additional number of graduate students expected to apply to the newly revised Curriculum and Instruction graduate program. It also anticipates an increased student enrollment at the undergraduate and graduate levels as it seeks approval for several new programs including Bilingual certification, and a School District Leadership graduate program. The College of Education plans to expand online course offerings during the next academic year with more offerings to practicing educational professionals in the region.



**Dean of the College of Education
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