

College of Education



All children can learn, and they learn best when taught by responsive teachers. The underlying philosophy of SUNY Fredonia's education programs reflects themes that characterize current educational reform movements.

The College of Education offers a variety of rigorous undergraduate and graduate programs leading to certification in New York State. Fredonia students are engaged in actively learning about what it means to be an educator in the 21st century through frequent early field experiences connected to educational method courses, as well as meaningful student teaching experiences. Students also have various opportunities to explore teaching and learning in various settings (rural, suburban, and urban), across grade levels, and with diverse student populations.



All of Fredonia's education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

PROGRAMS

The College of Education's undergraduate programs lead to certification in Early Childhood (Birth – Grade 2), Childhood Education (Grades 1–6), and Students with Disabilities (Grades 1–6). Two dual certification programs – Childhood Inclusive Education (Childhood Education and Students with Disabilities) and Early Childhood/Childhood Education – afford you greater depth and breadth of expertise as well as more flexibility in job opportunities. If you're interested in teaching Grades 7–12, you can choose from a variety of Adolescence Education degree programs at Fredonia: biology, chemistry, earth sciences, English, French, mathematics, physics, social studies, or Spanish. These programs ensure that you know your subject well and know how to teach effectively. Each adolescence program is based on collaboration with the College of Education, which oversees all programs leading to initial and professional certification. The College of Education prepares educators to serve all students, including English language learners, gifted students, and

students with disabilities, giving you a highly sought-after set of skills that make you especially attractive to school districts within New York State and across the country!

You'll also have plenty of practice in refining your skills before graduation. You begin field experiences in actual schools during your first year and continue to work with elementary, middle, and high school students throughout your undergraduate program. You complete a series of four field-based experiences in local schools, taught in conjunction with courses led by professors who specialize in their respective fields and who connect educational theory and practice. Student teaching, coordinated by the Office of Field Experiences, gives you a chance to work with a group of students over an extended period of time. Placements are available in 182 schools throughout 58 New York districts. You can also teach in New York City or Australia.

FACULTY

The faculty consists of nationally recognized teacher scholars who are dedicated to providing cutting-edge teacher preparation. Many faculty have been awarded national and state research grants which support the preparation of educators for critical shortage areas such as TESOL, special education, and STEM areas.



GRADUATES

Nationwide, there is high demand for certified special education teachers, as well as certified general education teachers with experience in inclusive settings. Fredonia graduates consistently pass the New York State certification exams at an impressive 99 percent rate, and recent graduates have enjoyed better than 90 percent employment rates immediately after graduation. College of Education graduates are employed throughout the region and across the nation.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Early Childhood Education
(Birth – Grade 2)

Early Childhood/ Childhood Education Dual Certification
(Birth – Grade 2, Grades 1 – 6)

Childhood Education
(Grades 1 – 6)

Childhood Inclusive Education Dual Certification
(Childhood Education and Students with Disabilities, Grades 1 – 6)

Middle School Extension
(Grades 7 – 9)

Mathematics: Middle Childhood Specialist
(Grades 5 – 9)

Adolescence Education
(Grades 7 – 12) Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Sciences, French, Spanish, Mathematics, English, Social Studies

GRADUATE MAJORS

Adolescence Science Education M.A.T.
Biology, Chemistry, Geosciences, or Physics

Curriculum and Instruction M.S.Ed.
Professional Certification Available in Multiple Areas

Literacy Education
(Birth – Grade 6) M.S.Ed.
(Grades 5 – 12) M.S.Ed.

Mathematics Education
(Grades 5 – 12) M.S.Ed.

Music Education
(Grades K – 12) M.M.

School Building Leadership C.A.S.

School District Leadership C.A.S.

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) M.S.Ed., C.A.S.

TESOL: ITI, C.A.S.

TESOL-Special Ed.: ITI, C.A.S.

Bilingual Education, ITI, C.A.S.

Students with initial certification can pursue a graduate degree in Elementary Education, Middle/High School Content Areas, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Public Education Administration, Interdisciplinary Studies, or Specialty Add-On Certifications.