

Helen L. Johnson Fredonia-Hamburg Internship Program

A Clinically Rich Student Teaching Opportunity

State University of New York at Fredonia
Responsive Educator Program

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A field-centered, competency based program, in the senior year, which offers a combination of methods and teaching in a full year internship in the Hamburg Central School District with three student teaching placements.

"I loved the full year experience this program offered. I felt well prepared for interviews with my expanded resume and portfolio."

- Fredonia-Hamburg Program Alumnus

The Fredonia-Hamburg Teacher Education Center received the 1985 *Distinguished Program in Teacher Education Award* presented by the National Association of Teacher Educators. In addition the district has received two *Teacher Education of the Year Awards* from the Association of Teacher Educators for this program. In 2016 it was renamed to honor Helen L. Johnson, a generous donor, SUNY Fredonia graduate and former Hamburg teacher.

This program is a cooperative venture between The State University of New York at Fredonia and the Hamburg Central School District. In 1972, members of both institutions met to share educational philosophies and form the basis for specifying desired competencies for teacher education.

Teacher candidates follow the Hamburg School District calendar participating from the first day of school in September through the Wednesday before graduation in May. The methods semester combines three days in the schools with two full days of methods courses. The second and third 11-week internships are full time classroom experiences. Teaching Competencies, which are constantly updated, are used as guidelines for the three internships.

Advisement into the program is available for transfer students as well as four-year students at Fredonia. Interns from Erie County may choose to live at home, while others are assisted in locating housing in the Hamburg area.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS PROGRAM, SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE OF FIELD EXPERIENCES, W249 THOMPSON HALL IN YOUR JUNIOR YEAR.



Program Highlights

- Methods courses taught on-site in Hamburg by Fredonia faculty. Internship assignments are with highly qualified teachers in the Hamburg Central Schools.
- Instruction in how to teach is combined and coordinated with classroom experience in the first 16-week internship.
- A unique competency based program.
- The second and third 11-week internships are full time classroom experiences with supervision by SUNY Fredonia faculty.
- Placements are available for Childhood, Early Childhood, Childhood Inclusive and Early Childhood/Childhood Majors.