

Preparation for Graduate and Professional Study

Teacher Education

The Teacher Education Licensure Programs are based in the history and tradition of the Jesuits as educators. The mission of the academic department is grounded in the Jesuit Ideal of an Educator. The department recognizes that the preparation of an educator is the responsibility of the entire university. The university's view of the professional preparation of educators encompasses the following:

1. A broad, liberal education.
2. Thorough competence in subject matter.
 1. Professional education, combining theory and practice, and focusing on four academic content strands: a) contexts; b) child and adolescent development; c) curriculum, learning and instruction; d) teacher as person.
4. Continuing inservice and graduate studies.

At the undergraduate level there is a major in education for individuals seeking an Early Childhood or Middle Childhood license. Prospective AYA and Multi-Age teachers major in a teaching content area and also take a professional education sequence offered by the Department of Education and Allied Studies. Teacher education programs for prospective AYA and Multi-Age teachers are offered jointly by the Department of Education and Allied Studies and the following departments: Biology, Chemistry, Classical and Modern Languages and Cultures, Communications, English, History, Mathematics, Physical Education and Exercise Science, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. All undergraduate programs are designed in accordance with Ohio licensure requirements. Note that some licensure requirements may exceed the normal 128 credit hours needed for the bachelor's degree. Also available is a post-baccalaureate program for qualified degree-holders who did not take or did not complete a teacher education program during undergraduate studies.

Graduate programs are offered in the fields of professional classroom teaching, school administration, school counseling, school psychology, educational psychology, technology, reading, chemical dependency, and urban education, and specialized sequences based on candidate educational background.

The university also offers a graduate program in teacher education directed at liberal arts graduates. It is carried out cooperatively with the public and private schools located in Cleveland and communities close to the John Carroll University campus. Students will obtain a master of education degree and an initial Early Child, Middle Child, AYA, or Multi-Age license upon successful completion of this program which includes student teaching and passing Praxis II licensure exams. This degree and licensure conform to current Ohio licensure standards.

The detailed organization of teacher education programs and information on licensure requirements will be found with the course offerings in the section on the Department of Education and Allied Studies, in the descriptions of courses in the relevant academic departments, and in the *Graduate School Bulletin*.