Education

The School of Education’s mission is to prepare socially responsive and discerning practitioners to serve their community and profession. The School of Education strives to:

- Model and promote leadership, scholarship, and professional competence in multiple specializations
- Create a supportive environment that is challenging, inclusive, reflective, and collegial
- Foster inquiry, intellectual creativity, and evidence-based decision-making to accept the challenges facing a global society
- Provide academic excellence in teaching, advising, service, and scholarship
- Promote, support, and respect diversity

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Department of Teacher Education, directed by Gonzaga’s humanistic, Catholic, and Jesuit mission, prepares educational leaders to serve others in need and demonstrate a commitment to social justice. The Teacher Education program offers a thorough preparation in academic subject matter and professional teaching at the undergraduate level. It provides students with the opportunity to become reflective learners and practitioners in a K-12 setting or in community learning environments.

The traditional certification program allows students in the program to combine an academic degree with initial teacher certification courses. Students may pursue elementary and/or secondary education certification.

Elementary certification candidates choose a desired major and also complete all required teacher certification courses. Students seeking elementary education certification will receive an elementary endorsement and can teach grades K-8 as generalists in a self-contained classroom. They may also add endorsement areas to their certification (e.g., Reading, ESOL, or Special Education).

Secondary certification candidates major in an endorsement area (e.g., English, Mathematics, Spanish, Biology, History) and take the necessary courses to obtain secondary certification as well.

TEACHING ENDORSEMENTS

- Biology, 5-12
- Chemistry, 5-12
- Early Childhood Special Education, Pre-K-3
- Elementary Education, K-8
- English Language Arts, 5-12
- English Speakers of Other Languages, K-12
- Health and Fitness, K-12
- History/Social Studies, 5-12
- Mathematics, 5-12
- Music, K-12
- Physics, 5-12
- Reading, K-12
- Special Education, Pre-K-12
- Theatre Arts, K-12
- World Languages - French, Spanish, K-12
The Department of Teacher Education will offer a **B.Ed. in Community, Culture, and Language Education**. The degree has been designed with a dual purpose in mind. While it is primarily intended for students who are seeking Elementary (K-8) teacher certification, the degree will also attract those who seek a deeper understanding of and ability to navigate cultural and linguistic differences, as well as the tools to work in non-educational settings to build and support communities for the benefit of all.

**DISTINCTIVE OPPORTUNITIES**

Many courses in the program offer a community-based, service-learning activity, providing candidates an opportunity to experience servant leadership. As a community of reflective learners, Gonzaga’s faculty, staff, and teacher candidates form supportive relationships that encourage service for others and responsibility to each other. These experiences, in addition to the coursework, give teacher candidates significant time in the field working with K-12 students in the Spokane area.

From the beginning of education coursework, strong partnerships with the local K-12 schools provide opportunities for applying the knowledge and skills gained in the classroom to field experiences. Students complete a minimum of 90 hours of classroom experience prior to their full semester of student teaching. Qualified university supervisors and cooperating teachers provide strong mentoring support at all field practicum levels.

**ADDITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

The Department of Special Education offers a flexible and marketable academic program that prepares students to work with individuals with mild to severe disabilities such as learning disabilities, physical disabilities, communication disorders, autism spectrum disorder, and behavior disorders. Students can complete a **major (B.Ed.) or minor in Special Education**. Many of our students add teacher certification in Special Education and one other endorsement area to increase marketability in the teaching profession. Some of our majors go on to obtain advanced degrees in a variety of helping professions other than teaching.

The Department of **Sport and Physical Education** offers two Bachelor’s degrees:
- Bachelor of Education in Kinesiology & Physical Education
- Bachelor of Education in Sport Management

These degrees prepare students for teaching, coaching, fitness leadership, or sports business careers.

**THE PLACE**

The Rosauer Center for Education classrooms are equipped with teaching consoles, monitors, and smart boards to further enhance the teaching experience. The Active Learning Center in the building provides students with a functional workspace more suited for their needs, open space for collaboration and engagement, and a non-traditional design that can create multiple dynamic learning environments.

The Department of Counselor Education has seven rooms designated for counseling student practice sessions and are equipped with video platforms for professional development.

The Department of Special Education has space dedicated as an early childhood center for pre-school children with special needs, which has been wired for sound so the room can be observed. The observation room and early childhood center are also fitted with a one-way mirror.
GRADUATE PROGRAMS
Gonzaga’s School of Education offers a wide range of master’s level programs in:

- Teacher Education
- Counselor Education
- Educational Leadership and Administration
- Sport and Athletic Administration
- Special Education

Other degree programs offered are:

- Education Specialist in School Psychology
- Doctorate in Educational Leadership

Teacher certification programs are offered for Elementary and Secondary education. We also offer additional certification programs for School Counseling and Principal Certification.

OUTCOMES & RECIPROCITY
Students from Gonzaga’s School of Education are trained to become highly qualified professionals in education and, as a result, experience excellent career outcomes upon graduation. In recent years, first-year placement rates are outstanding. On average, the placement rates for School of Education programs are:

- 90 to 95 percent of Gonzaga University Teacher Education graduates are employed in an educational setting within their first year,
- 85 to 100 percent of Sport Management/Administration students are employed in the field within six months of graduation
- 90 to 100 percent of the Counselor Education graduates are employed in various fields of counseling within their first year
- 90 to 95 percent of the Special Education graduates are employed in their field within the first year

All teacher education preparation programs are approved by the Washington Professional Educator Standards Board.

The student teacher preparation programs have affiliation agreement with over 30 public and private school districts in the state of Washington and Idaho. This allows our students to experience a wide variety of school settings, cultures, and programming.

The state of Washington is a member of the Interstate New Teacher Assessment & Support Consortium (InTASC). Completing a teacher preparation program at Gonzaga University, therefore, qualifies a candidate for reciprocity to teach in states that participate in the interstate certification compact.

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