UNDERGRADUATE 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 teacher candidates with the opportunity to become reflective learners and practitioners of elementary or secondary education.

Students in the program combine an academic degree with initial teacher certification courses. Students may pursue elementary and/or secondary 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, ELL, 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.

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.

THE MISSION

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

- We model and promote leadership, scholarship, and professional competence in multiple specializations.
- We support an environment that is challenging, inclusive, reflective, and collegial.
- We foster inquiry, intellectual creativity, and evidence-based decision-making to accept the challenges facing a global society.
- We provide academic excellence in teaching, advising, service, and scholarship.
- We promote, support, and respect diversity.

The School of Education upholds the tradition of humanistic, Catholic, and Jesuit education.

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The School of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and approved by the Washington State Professional Educators Standards Board.

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, pervasive developmental disabilities, and behavior disorders. Students can complete a major (B.Ed.) or minor in Special Education. The Department also offers two Special Education endorsements: an endorsement to teach Special Education in grades PreK-12 and an Early Childhood Special Education endorsement for grades PreK-3. Students may concurrently work toward other endorsements, such as Elementary Education or a secondary content area endorsement, giving them certification for teaching either Special Education or in an elementary or secondary classroom setting. These types of combinations can be especially marketable backgrounds for students looking for teaching positions upon graduation.

The Department of Sport and Physical Education offers two Bachelor's degrees: a Bachelor of Education in Physical Education and a Bachelor of Education in Sport Management. These degrees prepare students for teaching, coaching, or sport business and leadership careers. They are designed to be a broad-based foundation for graduate studies in fitness, sports psychology or sociology, sports business, sports administration, and sports/health promotion. Students interested in pursuing
the teaching option must complete the certification requirements of the Teacher Education program. This qualifies students to teach physical education (health/fitness) in grades K-12.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Gonzaga’s School of Education also offers a wide range of master’s level programs in Teacher Education, Counselor Education, Educational Leadership and Administration, Sport and Athletic Administration, and Special Education. For a full list of these programs, please visit gonzaga.edu/education.

THE PLACE

The Rosauer Center, home to the School of Education, provides 18 classrooms, two of which have dividers to accommodate classes with small numbers. Spaces exist within the Rosauer Center that are specialized for applying practical classroom and education skills for the School of Education’s various departments. For example, the Department of Counselor Education has three rooms for recording video of counseling sessions. The Department of Special Education has space dedicated as an early childhood center for pre-school children with special needs. That same space is shared by the Gonzaga Center for Applied Behavior Analysis, 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.

The Technology Resource Center, which includes Rosauer’s computer lab (an all Mac lab), is the hub of instructional technology at the Rosauer Center for Education. In addition to providing the hardware and software our professional candidates require, we offer training and technical support.

ENDORSEMENTS

Early Childhood Special Education, PreK-3
Special Education, PreK-12
Elementary Education, K-8
Health and Fitness, K-12
Reading, K-12
English Language Learners, K-12
Theatre Arts, K-12
Science, 5-12
World Languages-French, Spanish, K-12
Biology, 5-12
Chemistry, 5-12
Physics, 5-12
History/Social Studies, 5-12
Mathematics, 5-12
English Language Arts, 5-12

OUTCOMES

Gonzaga University prides itself on “outcomes” for its students. First-year placement rates are outstanding: on average, about 80 to 85 percent of Gonzaga University Teacher Education graduates are employed in an educational setting within their first year. About 90 to 100 percent of the Counselor Education graduates are employed in various fields of counseling within their first year. Between 90 to 95 percent of the Special Education graduates are employed in their field within the first year. Additionally, many of our teacher education students have received state awards and endowed scholarships. 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.

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. For more information about teacher certification requirements across the United States, please visit education.uky.edu/AcadServ/content/50-states-certification-requirements.
THE PEOPLE

The School of Education faculty are talented professionals, many of whom have served in K-12 settings. In addition to their commitment to teaching and advising, faculty members maintain an active scholarly agenda of conferences and publications. For more information on particular programs within the School of Education, please contact the staff and faculty listed.

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