

Secondary and Special Education Dual Certification Program (B.S.E.)



YEAR 1

YEARS 2 / 3

YEAR 4

Program Course and Teaching Experiences



Learning About Yourself and Others

Your first year will focus on understanding yourself, the history of education, learners and their families/communities, and special education law. You will also begin taking classes in your content area for teaching.

Fall Semester: EDST1501 Education in the United States: Past and Present; CPSY1001 Diverse Learners and Their Families 1

Spring Semester: EDST3510 Culture, Community, and School; CPSY1002 Diverse Learners and Their Families 2

Teaching Methods and Content Mastery

Your education course work will explore learning theory, learning psychology, an introduction to teaching methods, assessment, and advanced methods. You will further your study in special education and will also continue to become an expert in your content major.

You will also complete **three pre-clinical internships**. These experiences in teachers' classrooms will be in different settings and expand your understanding of how teachers plan for student learning.

Explore **additional content** that can lead to additional certification opportunities.

Theory to Practice: Year-Long Internship

Complete your content area studies and final education courses.

Complete a year long clinical internship in the same classroom. Over two semesters, you will apply what you have learned about children, learning, and teaching that culminates with 5-day a week experience in your Senior spring.

Advisement and Supports



Receive academic advisement from the Center for Academic Success and full-time education faculty.

Learn about the requirements of both secondary education and your content area programs.

Consider joining education associations and other clubs such as Student New Jersey Education Association (SJNEA), Best Buddies, American Sign Language and Deaf Culture, Disability, Awareness, and Accessibility, English Club, Biology Society, Seton Hall Theatre Council, and many more!

Academic advising from education faculty and content area faculty.

Feedback and support from both your cooperating teachers and clinical supervisor in your pre-clinical experiences. A team among your course faculty, supervisors, and cooperating teachers support your growth in the classroom.

Academic advising from education faculty and content area faculty.

In depth and continuous support from your cooperating teacher and field supervisor during full year clinical internship.

University Career Center is available for one-on-one guidance on resume and interview preparation.

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What can I do with this dual degree program?



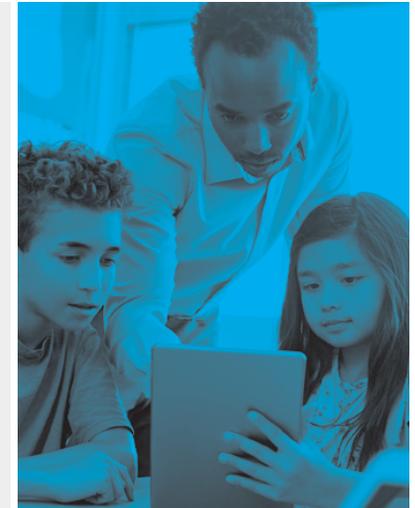
The **secondary and special education program** prepares students to be thoughtful and highly skilled classroom teachers in their chosen content areas while also earning a certificate as a teacher of students with disabilities. We focus on developing both teaching and content expertise across all four years in college. Our students learn to understand themselves and their students, master content and different strategies for teaching it and how to meet the needs of students with disabilities in both inclusion classroom and special education settings. A hallmark of our approach is the early and sustained use of classroom experiences in local middle and high schools where students get to observe and practice teaching so that they are ready to take full advantage of their full-year senior internship. We give you more practical experience than you will find at most other programs in New Jersey.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- You will be well prepared to begin your career as a teacher in a wide variety of middle and high school settings as a content area teacher and a special education teacher.
- Study in additional content areas can lead to other certifications, especially at the middle school level.
- Many of our graduates seek degrees in their content area and in education shortly after graduating. The skills you develop with us readily apply to advanced study.
- The knowledge and skills you develop as an education major provide you with a foundation for many other fields such as counseling, school library and media specialists, research, human resources, management, policy and more.

CAREER READINESS

- Critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Effective communication and technology use
- Goal setting, planning and assessment
- Research opportunities
- Collaborate effectively with peers, professionals, and community members
- Leadership, management and community building
- Continuous improvement through reflection and data analysis



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