



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

In the spirit of Gonzaga's Catholic and Jesuit mission, the Teacher Education Department prepares individuals to be reflective educators with the skills to teach diverse students, engage with communities, and promote a more just and equitable world. In these programs, students will not simply learn about teaching. Instead, they will learn to teach through extensive hands-on experience with children and youth in classrooms, afterschool programs, and other community-based projects.

Students have an opportunity to obtain initial (residency) certification within the state of Washington at the elementary (K-8) or secondary (5-12) level with reciprocity throughout the United States. Those desiring secondary teacher certification earn a major typically in the content area they wish to teach (e.g. math, English, history) and then add certification courses into their four-year plan. For those seeking elementary education, the primary certification pathway is through the B.Ed. in Community, Culture, and Language Education (CCL). However, with careful planning with your advisor, it is also possible to add elementary certification to other majors. In addition, elementary and secondary certification can be paired with additional teaching endorsements, such as English Language Learners (ELL) or Reading.

The B.Ed. in Community, Culture, and Language Education (CCL) is a unique degree program that provides students with a deep understanding of cultural and linguistic differences among diverse populations to equip them to support communities for the common good. The CCL degree offers two concentrations – Community Education and Elementary Education. Students choosing the Community Education Concentration take the basic CCL courses, along with courses in the social sciences, preparing them to serve in a variety of nonprofit, non-governmental, and global organizations. The Elementary Concentration offers students a pathway to obtain an elementary teaching certificate by taking additional specialized certification courses in conjunction to the CCL major requirements.

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 Language Learners, 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



DISTINCTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Many courses available in the Teacher Education Department offer community-engaged learning activities providing students an opportunity to experience servant leadership. As a community of reflective learners, Gonzaga's faculty, staff, and students form supportive relationships that encourage service for others, reflective practice, and critical thinking skills.

OUTCOMES & RECIPROCITY

Students from Gonzaga's School of Education are trained to become highly qualified professionals in education and, as a result, they experience excellent career outcomes upon graduation. In recent years, first-year placement rates are outstanding. On average, 90 to 95 percent of Gonzaga University Teacher Education graduates are employed in an educational setting within their first year.

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

All teacher preparation programs are approved by the Washington Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB). Completing a teacher preparation program at Gonzaga University, therefore, qualifies a candidate as an out-of-state program completer when applying for licensure in other states.

Visit gonzaga.edu/licensuredisclosure for more information on state licensures and state licensing boards.

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 differences, physical disabilities, communication, behavior, and autism spectrum disorders. Students can complete a **major (B.Ed.) or minor in Special Education**. The Special Education major is a great gateway to prepare for becoming a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA), special education teacher (Pre-K – 12), speech and language therapist, occupational therapist, school psychologist, social worker, or school counselor. Majors may seek opportunities to pursue a BCaBA certificate in coordination with the degree while others may seek teacher certification. Please note the BCaBA and the teaching option both have specific course requirements. Please contact the department directly for more information. The minor in Special Education is designed to increase personal understanding and abilities when interacting with those who may need additional guidance to fully participate in society.

The **Department of Kinesiology and Sport Management** offers two Bachelor's degrees:

The **B.Ed. in Kinesiology** program prepares professionals who can design and deliver health, fitness, and physical education programs. Students are trained in pedagogical and scientific practices that help others reach their highest potential through a humanistic approach to wellness. Graduates are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to work in school, clinical, community, and commercial/corporate settings to instruct, coach, and evaluate health, fitness, and sport-related activities. Additionally, this degree can serve as the path to graduate studies in kinesiology, exercise physiology, and rehabilitation-focused programs.

The **B.Ed. in Sport Management** gives students the prestige of a Top-10 NCAA athletic brand on their resume. In addition to this reputation, graduates are inspired to impact the world with an enhanced understanding of their personal mission in life through Gonzaga's Jesuit traditions.



THE PLACE

The Rosauer Center for Education classrooms are equipped with teaching consoles, monitors, smart boards to further enhance the teaching experience, and Static and Owl cameras offer faculty and students an engaging learning environment. 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 Office of a Pedagogy of Hope Through Research and Practice invites students, faculty, and staff to engage with issues of education—and by extension, society—by working together to develop an approach to teaching based in critical consciousness.

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 preschool 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 Graduate degree programs offered include:

- Education Specialist in School Psychology
- Doctorate in Educational Leadership

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