



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 practitioners committed to critical pedagogy and social justice. The Department has been educating students since 1928, offering comprehensive preparation in an academic subject matter and professional teaching courses at the undergraduate level.

The Teacher Education Department offers students 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. Students choosing to complete the requirements for teacher certification must take specialized certification courses required by the state of Washington in addition to University Core Curriculum courses and those required for their major. At the elementary level, students may also select an additional teaching endorsement in reading and/or English Language Learners (ELL). Students pursuing the secondary level have approximately 15-17 teaching endorsement areas from which to choose.

The Teacher Education Department also offers a **B.Ed. in Community, Culture, and Language Education (CCL)**. This unique degree program provides students with a deep understanding of cultural and linguistic differences among diverse populations that 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, nongovernmental, and global organizations. The elementary concentration offers students a pathway to obtain an elementary teaching certificate by taking specialized certification courses in addition 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-based service-learning activities providing candidates 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, 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, physical disabilities, communication, behavior, and autism spectrum disorders. Students can complete a **major (B.Ed.) or minor in Special Education**. A Special Education major may pursue a teaching option, which prepares them for grades preschool through 12. There is also the opportunity for undergraduate students to pursue a Board Certified Assistant Behavioral Analyst (BCaBA) certificate in coordination with the degree. Both options 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 **Sport and Physical Education** offers two Bachelor's degrees:

The **B.Ed. in Kinesiology and Physical Education** 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 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.

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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 are:

- Education Specialist in School Psychology
- Doctorate in Educational Leadership

