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Elementary Education Programs

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Major Information

The School's Department of Undergraduate Teacher Education administers degrees and programs that are registered in New York. Students can earn a **Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education** and qualify for initial teacher certification in Childhood Education (grades 1-6). Students may choose the program in **Elementary & Special Education** and earn a **Bachelor of Science in Special Education** which leads to dual certification in Childhood Education (grades 1-6) and Children with Disabilities (grades 1-6). In either of those programs, students may choose to complete two additional courses and become eligible for an additional certification in Early Childhood Education (birth to grade 2).

Students may choose to prepare for all three certificates. It is possible to complete the work for all three certifications in four years by following the program of studies carefully.

All education majors choose an academic concentration in an arts or science discipline.

We Prepare Technology-savvy Educators

The School of Education is committed to preparing technology-proficient educators who can use a variety of tools to design and enrich learning environments. We challenge our students to use a broad array of technological tools for their own learning. More importantly, SBU students learn to use technologies to support the learning of the children in actual classrooms. Our field experiences involve the use of technology in tutoring, in small groups, and for large group instruction. We believe that children's learning is best supported by using a variety of approaches, materials and tools, and we focus on helping future teachers learn to evaluate, select and design appropriate learning environments.

Field Experiences

Our philosophy is that you learn to teach by teaching. Thus, our majors begin field experiences in area schools in their first semester and have experience in elementary classrooms almost every semester. Students have almost 1,000 hours of actual classroom experience by the time they graduate.

Our Students Say...

"I wanted to let you know that I won new teacher of the year for Spotsylvania County! Thank you for all that you and the other faculty members in the School of Education did for me. I cannot tell you the number of people that have complimented St. Bonaventure's School of Education for preparing me so well to be a successful first year teacher. Spotsylvania County went to Teacher Recruitment Days in Buffalo to specifically recruit Bonnies!"

Cara Holmes, '09, '10

"Thanks to the St. Bonaventure education program I have obtained my dream job as a first grade teacher! The experiences that I gained in the program left me confident and prepared to take on any interview situation. Thanks to dedication and expertise of my professors I was not only offered one job, but three!"

Kaylee Reynolds, '12

"The diverse experiences you will be given, the energetic professors you will meet, and the close-knit campus you will set foot on will all be a part of your enriching experience as a Bonnie. With over 500 hours of teaching experience before student teaching, you too will become a professional before you know it!"

Ashleigh Donner, '13