About the School of Education

Whether you pursue a career in teaching, health and exercise science, or a position outside the classroom like counseling, the School of Education will prepare you to inspire young people, promote physical activity, and impact policy. As one of fewer than 200 carefully selected first-year and transfer students, you’ll forge meaningful connections with faculty mentors who will guide you through your professional training.

Majors

Teacher Certification Programs
- Art Education (K-12)
- English Education (7-12)
- Health and Physical Education (K-12)
- Inclusive Early Childhood Special Education (birth-2)
- Inclusive Elementary and Special Education (1-6)
- Mathematics Education (7-12)
- Music Education (K-12)
- Physical Education (K-12)
- Science Education (7-12): biology, chemistry, earth science, or physics
- Social Studies Education (7-12)
- Spanish Education (7-12)

Non-Teacher Certification Programs
- Health and Exercise Science *
- Selected Studies in Education

* Includes Pre-Physical Therapy and a “fast track” 3+3 doctorate of physical therapy program with neighboring State University of New York Upstate Medical University

Related Careers
- After-school program director
- Child advocacy specialist
- Community arts director
- Lawyer: education and family law
- Mental health counselor
- Personal trainer
- Physical therapist
- Teacher

Combining Majors
Pursue a dual major or a minor within the School of Education—or combine your education major with one from Syracuse’s eight other undergraduate colleges. A few examples:

- Majors: Selected Studies in Education + Policy Studies
  Career: Education policy legislator
- Majors: Health and Exercise Science + Management
  Career: Sports facility director
- Majors: Selected Studies in Education + Psychology
  Career: School psychologist or counselor
Students lead a physical activity workshop for children with visual impairments.
Seymour Dual Language Academy is just 1.5 miles from campus.

Exercise Science students conduct research in one of the departmental teaching laboratories.
Highlights and Distinctions

Hands-on experience from the start
During your first year, you’ll take classes in your major and engage in an internship or field experience in public schools or the community, an opportunity not found in many education programs.

Small-school atmosphere with large university resources
The School of Education is selective, so you’ll enjoy small classes and close advising relationships with faculty and staff. But you’ll also have access to the extensive resources and benefits of the broader Syracuse University support system. Once you graduate, you’ll be linked to a network of 250,000 accomplished alumni.

Practical experience through placements and internships
You’ll do extensive fieldwork in your course of study. The School of Education places students in a wide variety of internships, teaching placements, and clinical settings. Free transportation is available to all teacher prep students.

Success by the numbers
According to a class of 2016 survey, 97 percent of School of Education graduates who responded either enrolled in graduate school (52 percent) or secured a job (45 percent). Additionally, 96 percent of teacher prep candidates passed their certification exams.

Class of 2016
Post-graduation Placement

97 percent
Employed or in graduate school within 6 months

Graduate School 52%
Employed 45%
Other Endeavors 3%
Study Abroad

Broaden your perspective and enhance your resume with a study-abroad experience. Consistently ranked one of the top international education providers in the U.S., Syracuse Abroad offers more than 100 programs in 60 countries.

Via a $1 million grant, the School of Education provides scholarships for its students who wish to study abroad.

In addition to semester and year-long programs, short-term signature programs fit each major. You can join education and exercise science faculty in Costa Rica, Cuba, Italy, Kenya, Peru, South Africa, and Vietnam.

“I have had four different placements; two in physical therapy clinics and two working with athletic trainers for sports teams. Working with the athletic training staff for the SU football team made me realize how much I would like to work around athletics.”

— Tyler Daymon ’17, Health and Exercise Science

“Being put in the classroom your first year is extremely important, and one of the reasons why I chose Syracuse! By integrating undergraduates early in the school setting, each student becomes more prepared and confident before they go on to student teach their senior year.”

— Nicholas Granados-Kramer ’17, Science Education - Physics

“The Inclusive program is the reason I feel confident to take on a teaching job immediately after graduation. It has given me the tools that I need to create a classroom environment where everyone is included, safe, and successful. I can’t imagine the teacher I would be without this program.”

— Kathryn Mayer ’17, Inclusive Elementary and Special Education
Quick Facts/Syracuse University

Founded in 1870

Location: Main campus is in Syracuse, NY, with U.S. centers in New York City, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C., and seven centers around the world.

Undergraduate Enrollment: 14,000+ students representing 118 countries

Majors: 200 majors/100 minors within nine undergraduate schools and colleges

Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 15:1

Average Class Size: 26

Research: Syracuse, a Research 1 institution, was awarded $79.3 million in 2016 for research, teaching, and other sponsored programs.

Study Abroad: Program consistently ranked one of the top in the U.S. Almost half of Syracuse students study abroad at least once.

Career Placement: 91 percent of 2016 seniors responding to the University’s Placement Survey are employed, joining the military, or attending graduate school.

Syracuse University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. For information, please visit msche.org or middlestates.syr.edu/statement-of-accreditation-status.