



ROCHESTER
UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION



DEGREE OPTIONS

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

MAJORS AVAILABLE IN

Early Childhood Education (ZS Endorsement)
Integrated Science Education • Language Arts Education
Learning Disabilities • Elementary Mathematics Education
Social Studies Education

SECONDARY EDUCATION

MAJORS AVAILABLE IN

English Education • Integrated Science Education
Learning Disabilities • Secondary Mathematics Education
Social Studies Education

MINORS AVAILABLE IN

English as a Second Language • English • History
Mathematics • Psychology • Reading

THE MISSION of the teacher education program at Rochester University is to prepare teachers of understanding with Christian values who can effectively serve in the diverse and challenging schools and global communities of the 21st century.

THE RU ADVANTAGE

As you begin your studies at RU, you will start making connections between your past experiences and present opportunities for the purpose of discovering and shaping your identity. Throughout your academic journey, you will continually engage with the world around you and create a plan to use your experiences, knowledge and skills to discover and develop pathways to purpose and meaning. As a student at RU, you will be introduced to the story of God in order to reflect on how you can participate in God's mission in the world. As you approach graduation, you will apply your accumulated knowledge and experiences to a specific project and share the results with RU's academic community. The result of this work is well-educated and compassionate graduates who can change their lives and the world for the better.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

AUTHENTIC FIELD EXPERIENCES that enhance both observation and teaching skills and expose students to socio-economic and ethnically diverse education settings

- *International teaching experience at an Arabic ESL school in Windsor, Canada*
- *Two-week intensive field placement at a Native American children's home in Oklahoma.*

FACULTY who are professionally certified, experienced teachers

COURSES IN SPECIALIZED TOPICS such as technology, special education and English as a second language

SMALL CLASS SIZES that allow professors to develop lasting mentoring relationships with students

A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY where students get to know and support each other as they develop into professional teachers

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The elementary and secondary education programs include general education classes, a professional studies core of education classes, and a subject area major and/or minor in a field of specialization. Elementary education students also complete a core of courses specific to the elementary classroom. Assessing student needs and planning for instruction and teaching lessons, specifically in literacy, are a major component of the teacher education program at RU.

As a teacher education student, you are assigned an academic adviser to work with you throughout the program. Since the process of becoming a teacher includes both a baccalaureate degree and state-granted education, students should declare their intent as early as possible in order to plan with an education adviser. Beginning as a freshman, assuming you take a full-time load of 12-15 hours each semester, it will take five years to complete the program leading to teacher certification. If you take 16-18 hours per semester, it may be possible to finish in four years for some majors.

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO
IN THE EDUCATION PROGRAM **10:1**

180+

HOURS
IN ACTUAL CLASSROOMS
BEFORE STUDENT TEACHING

87% of graduates are employed in education

CNN's Money Magazine
recognized Rochester as one of
the top places to live and the very

BEST IN *all*
of MICHIGAN!

RU IS HOME TO
1,098
STUDENTS
from 19 states and 10 nations

Rochester Hills was named the
SAFEST CITY IN THE US IN 2019

OUR CAMPUS IS **83 PRISTINE ACRES**

LOCATED A SHORT WALK FROM DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER
—and no more than 30 miles from—

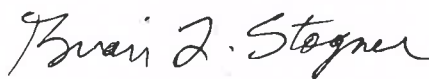
MUSEUMS · MARKETS · MALLS · CONCERTS
PRO SPORTS · THE AUTOMOTIVE SCENE · OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
FOOD TRUCKS · FINE DINING · WORLD CLASS ENTERTAINMENT
NATURAL BEAUTY, AND ALL KINDS OF OTHER FUN TO DISCOVER

We see you as a person created in the image of God. You're not just a name on a class roster or a number on an assessment report. You are a human being who belongs here!

We want you to come to RU to start discovering your life purpose and to envision how that purpose unfolds in your work life. Then, as you continue in these pursuits, we hope you will explore how all of those discoveries coincide with what God is doing in the world. We'll help you take your gifts and capabilities and use them productively for yourself and for your future. Equally important, we want you to use your degree to positively impact lives, communities and the world.

This approach to your future can also be described as "vocation." I encourage you to start thinking "vocation" in addition to "career." Why? Because employers are looking for individuals who have this holistic vision and who bring big-picture thinking and integrity to the workplace—every day.

Thus, our ultimate goal is to set you on a path where you have a vocation that allows you to support yourself and your family, brings positive energy to the workforce, and helps improve our world.



DR. BRIAN STOGNER, President



SECONDARY EDUCATION '19

STEPHANIE CONNELL
English & Reading Teacher, Adams High School

"In my time at RU, I learned what it means to be an educator with Christian values, integrity and a heart for service. I had the opportunity to teach alongside a wide variety of educators, participate in co-curricular activities, and improve my teaching abilities in multiple remarkable school districts. Rochester University fostered my abilities. I am entering the field of education feeling confident, dedicated and motivated to teach students with varying needs to acquire academic growth, embrace diversity and exhibit respect."



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION '13

ELLIOTT KERN
5th grade teacher, Bemis Elementary School

"My classes at RU truly prepared me for the real world of teaching. They gave me an understanding of best practices, while encouraging and helping solidify my purpose for this profession. RU is unlike any other campus. Opportunities both inside and outside the classroom helped make me the teacher I am today. Student Government gave me leadership skills, and theatre productions gave me stage presence for the classroom and confidence for interviews."



SECONDARY EDUCATION '17

OLIVIA FELDMAN
English Teacher, Waterford Mott High School

"Rochester University encouraged my passion for education and taught me the skills I need to be a successful teacher. My professors were knowledgeable and supportive. Classes and projects did a great job modeling real teacher responsibilities. Being a part of the RU community through student leadership and social groups broadened my perspective and prepared me for a diverse classroom experience. I graduated feeling prepared, empowered and ready for a teaching career."



FACULTY

MEL BLOHM

Director—School of Education
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B.S., Southern Nazarene University
M.A., Southern Nazarene University
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Associate Professor of Education
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M.A.C.T., Michigan State University
B.S., Oakland University

A DEGREE IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

These career paths are some of the ways you can use your degree to start positively impacting lives, communities and the world.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-5 elementary classroom teacher in all subject areas, K-8 teacher in all subject areas in self-contained classrooms, K-12 ESL teacher, K-12 learning disabilities teacher, middle school teacher (grades 6-8) for your content major

SECONDARY EDUCATION Teach grades 6-12 in your content major or minor, K-12 ESL or K-12 learning disabilities

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of 30 hours with no grade below "C" in major, minor and education courses; 3.00 cumulative GPA
- Completion of nationally normed assessment (SAT or ACT)
- Completion of EDU 3213 Educational Psychology
- Two references from instructors
- Criminal Record Disclosure
- Interview with Teacher Education Admission Committee and approval of Teacher Advisory Council

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Satisfactorily passing the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification
- GPA of 3.0 in content major and overall
- Attributes and Dispositions Evaluation scores received for each course must be proficient or distinguished for all coursework

take the next step

APPLY ONLINE AT [ROCHESTERU.EDU/APPLY](https://rochesteru.edu/apply)

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