



ROCHESTER
UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION



Degree Options

Elementary Education

Majors available in:

Lower Elementary • Upper Elementary • Learning Disabilities

Secondary Education

Majors available in:

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

Minors available in:

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

The elementary and secondary education programs

include general education classes, a professional studies core of education classes, and a 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 certificate, students should declare their intent as early as possible in order to plan with an education adviser. Beginning as a freshman, assuming you take 15-18 hours each semester, it will take four years to complete the program leading to teacher certification.

Program Highlights



TWO-WEEK INTENSIVE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

at an Indigenous American children's home in Oklahoma. This experience enhances both observation and teaching skills and exposes students to socio-economic and ethnically diverse education settings.



COURSES IN SPECIALIZED TOPICS

such as technology, special education and English as a second language



FACULTY

who are professionally certified, experienced teachers



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

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.

Ranked as the #4 education program in the nation by Study.com

180+ hrs

IN ACTUAL CLASSROOMS BEFORE STUDENT TEACHING

EDUCATION PROGRAM STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO **13:1**

92.3% success rate for the Michigan Teacher Certification Test

91%

of graduates are employed in education

1,014 students

from 22 states & 16 nations

CNN's Money Magazine recognized Rochester as one of the top places to live and the very **BEST IN all of MICHIGAN!**

OUR CAMPUS IS 68 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

Rochester Hills has been named one of the 100 SAFEST CITIES IN THE US

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.

Rise Together. Stand Apart.

This tagline represents who we are; the following core distinctives show how we deliver on this identity.



INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Academic Philosophy | EPIC

Exploring. Preparing. Integrating. Calling.

We believe every student has a unique story worth telling. In fact, we think your story can be epic. Our courses are designed to help you explore, prepare, integrate (connect and apply knowledge) and find your calling – while helping you succeed.

RochesterU.edu/epic



OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Mentoring Program | RISE

Relationship. Inspiration. Support. Engagement.

RISE begins during your freshman year and helps you build meaningful relationships with alumni, friends of the institution, faculty and staff. Mentors serve as positive role models who provide valuable guidance, support and encouragement as you navigate the challenges of transitioning from high school to college, then academic to professional life.

RochesterU.edu/rise



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Loan Repayment Assistance Program | RU Pledge

Pursue your passions without the burden of debt.

All incoming RU freshmen are eligible for the RU Pledge, our innovative loan repayment assistance program (LRAP) that provides quarterly reimbursement of federal, private and parent PLUS loan payments if you earn less than \$50,000 per year after graduation.

RochesterU.edu/pledge



Secondary Education '19

STEPHANIE CONNELL

High school English & reading teacher

“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

“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.”

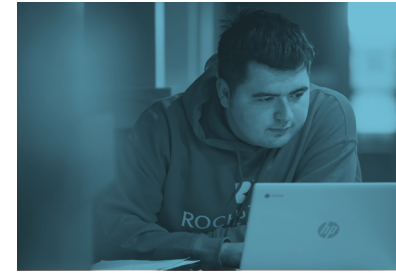


Elementary Education '12

STEPHAN HENNING

Middle school assistant principal

“Rochester University's education program challenged me to make my weaker areas of teaching, my strong areas and my strong areas, my great areas. One of the aspects of the program I found most beneficial was being placed in diverse schools, allowing me to become comfortable teaching students of varying backgrounds and capabilities. These experiences paved the way for me to excel after graduation—in both the field of education and my own continued studies.”



FACULTY

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Associate Professor of Education
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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 Teach all subject areas in lower elementary (Pre-K-3rd grade) or upper elementary (3rd-6th grade). Teach English as a Second Language or Learning Disabilities in K-12.

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
- Completion of EDU 3213 Educational Psychology
- Two references from instructors
- Criminal Record Disclosure
- Interview with Teacher Education Interview Committee and approval of Teacher Education Admission Committee

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

take the next step

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