Preparing dynamic teachers ready to engage the next generation

The University at Albany has been preparing secondary teachers for nearly 175 years. Established in 1844 as the New York State College for Teachers, UAlbany is the oldest state-chartered public institution of higher education in New York. With its distinguished history in teacher education, many of its graduates have gone on to shape the education system of New York, the Northeast, and the nation. That tradition continues through graduate teacher education programs administered through the University at Albany’s School of Education in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences.

OUR GRADUATES PUT THEIR SKILLS TO WORK

The following Secondary Education Programs provide initial preparation for teaching academic subjects in grades 7-12. They lead to the degree of Master of Science and Satisfy the New York State Certification Requirements for Adolescent Education in Grades 7-12:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- English
- French & Spanish
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Social Studies

“Prior to enrolling as a student in the MSSE Program, I felt a great deal of dissonance between my work as an attorney and the connections I wanted to make in my professional life. Fortunately, joining the MSSE program provided me with the kind of meaningful work I had been craving. I developed life-long friendships with my peers and mentors while gaining valuable experience in curriculum development, educational theory, and teaching best practices. I graduated feeling confident in my ability to enter the educational workforce, and relied on my experiences in the Program to interview for my current position as an 8th grade ELA teacher. To this day, I continue to refer back to my time in the MSSE program to meet the challenges of my classroom.”

DANIEL VAN WINKLE, 8TH GRADE ELA TEACHER
WHY SECONDARY ED @UALBANY?

- **ACCREDITATION:** Earn your master’s degree from a nationally accredited institution.
- **ADVICE:** Receive valuable career and certification information from dedicated education advisors and faculty.
- **CERTIFICATION:** Graduates can apply for New York State licensure to teach in public schools in grades 7-12.
- **COST:** Save with tuition rates lower than those at most private universities.
- **FACULTY:** Learn from experienced and knowledgeable professors who provide a well-rounded and critical understanding of this dynamic discipline.
- **PREPARATION:** Gain a thorough understanding of teaching and learning in your discipline at the secondary level.
- **RANKINGS:** An established program that is nationally ranked for its commitment to student engagement, student services, learning technologies and faculty credentials.

WHAT MAKES OUR PROGRAM DIFFERENT

“For my time in the MSSE program prepared me more than I would’ve thought a program could. The program gave me hands on experience in the classroom for not one, but two student teaching experiences. The more time you get to actually engage with students is invaluable. In addition to getting real experience working with adolescents, the course work was extremely useful. All of my professors exposed me to the best new practices in education. When I would sit down and talk with other educators about new policies and practices, I was one step ahead of the other people in the room because I had already been exposed to it. After my first year of teaching, I learned how important building relationships with your students and colleagues are. It makes your classroom function smoother and your day easier. Building relationships came easy for me because our program was built on a cohort model, we did every-thing together. I made relationships that have lasted since we all graduated together and will continue to be friends for a lifetime.”

ERIN BANKS, HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY TEACHER

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COURSE WORK LINKED TO FIELD WORK AT DIVERSE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SITES

SEMINARS THAT ENHANCE PEDAGOGICAL AND CONTENT KNOWLEDGE

TEACHERS WHO ARE STUDENT CENTERED, LIFELONG AND REFLEXIVE LEARNERS

INTEGRATION OF TECHNOLOGY INTO TEACHING AND CURRICULUM

UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOLING IN AMERICAN SOCIETY

COMMITMENT TO TEACHING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, EQUITY, AND EXCELLENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS

For more information on the Masters of Science in Secondary Education, visit http://www.albany.edu/etap or contact the Pathways Into Education Center at piecenter@albany.edu or (518) 442-3529.