The Departments of Teacher Education, Special Education, and Educational Leadership offer a range of exciting programs for those who seek undergraduate or graduate degrees in Education. It is the goal of the faculty at Saint Joseph’s University to prepare exemplary teachers and educational leaders to be researchers, reflective practitioners, student advocates, and activists for change. We care deeply about our students and are committed to enhancing their professional growth and exceptional service.

Education majors can choose from among the following Level I certification programs: Pre K-4, middle school 4-8, secondary 7-12, and Art Education (K-12). For those interested in teaching at the middle and high school level, our students minor in Education and major in one of the following areas: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, English, French, German, Latin, Spanish, Italian, Mathematics, or History.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EDUCATION MAJOR:**

- Visit the Education Department’s website: [www.sju.edu/academics/cas/education](http://www.sju.edu/academics/cas/education)
- Visit the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Support Center, located in Barbelin 122
- Contact the Education Department to schedule a meeting with a faculty member by calling 610-660-1580
- Speak with current students in the major
- Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center by calling 610-660-3100

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN EDUCATION?**

Whatever you put your mind to! You can learn much more at [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org). Following are descriptions of just a few of the careers you might pursue:

**Elementary School Teacher:** Teaches pupils in public or private schools at the elementary level basic academic, social, and other formative skills.

**Kindergarten Teacher:** Teaches elemental natural and social science, personal hygiene, music, art, and literature to children from 4 to 6 years old. Promotes physical, mental, and social development.

**Special Education Teacher:** Teaches elementary and preschool school subjects to students with educational and/or physical disabilities. Includes teachers who specialize and work with students with audible and visual disabilities and those who teach basic academic and life processes skills to the mentally impaired.

**Teaching Assistant:** Performs duties that are instructional in nature or deliver direct services to students or parents. Serves in a position for which a teacher or another professional has ultimate responsibility for the design and implementation of educational programs and services.
HOW CAN I ENGAGE MY INTEREST IN EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?
There are so many opportunities to get involved at Saint Joseph’s University and beyond – and to develop experience in your major while doing so! Here are just a few:

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)  
Hand in Hand  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Kinney Center  
Peer Educators  
PSEA (Pennsylvania State Education Association)  
Special Olympics  
Tutor  
Weekly Service

OUTCOMES – A CLOSER LOOK AT SJU GRADUATES WITH DEGREES IN EDUCATION:
As depicted in the chart below, the majority of new graduates have started their careers in the education field. Many others have selected a variety of industries. (Data from Saint Joseph’s University Career Development Center’s Post-Graduation Survey, 2008 – 2012.)

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<th>Education Majors' Chosen Industries</th>
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<td>Education: 93%</td>
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Here is a sampling of positions our graduates have accepted:

- Academic Advisor
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Art Teacher
- Assistant Teacher
- Autistic Support Teacher
- Camp Supervisor
- Consultant
- Counselor
- Customer Service Representative
- Educator
- Elementary School Teacher
- Emotional Support Teacher
- HS Special Education Teacher
- Instructional Assistant
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Lead Teacher
- Learning Disabilities Teacher K-3
- Learning Support Teacher
- Literacy Intervention Specialist
- MANNA Program Assistant
- Mathematics Teacher
- Middle School Special Education
- Nursery School Director
- Paraprofessional
- Permanent Substitute
- Preschool Teacher
- Project Manager/Sales Support
- Service Representative
- Special Education Teacher
- Teacher
- Teaching Assistant
- Youth Development Director

Organizations that have hired our graduates include:

- Academy in Manayunk
- Baltimore City Public Schools
- Bethel Public School
- Brick Township Board of Education
- Chatham School District
- Council Rock School District
Some of the graduate schools in which our students have continued their education, in programs including Education and the Social Sciences:

- Boston College
- Harvard University
- Hofstra University
- Long Island University in Riverhead
- Saint Joseph’s University
- Seton Hall University
- Temple University
- University of the Arts
- University of Connecticut
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of the Arts

### Average Starting Salary – Education Majors – Classes of 2008 - 2012

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**FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER OPTIONS**

The Career Development Center can help you with the process of choosing a major and exploring your career options. For assistance, please call 610-660-3100 to schedule an appointment to meet with a Career Counselor.

**GETTING THE JOB – SAMPLE EDUCATION RESUME**

See below:
Ignatius Loyola
1 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 12345
Phone: 123-456-7890
Email: firstname.lastname@gmail.com

Profile
Recent graduate with an elementary (K-6) certification seeking a full-time classroom teacher position. Experience in various types of educational settings including private, parochial, and public schools. Combines creativity and proficiency with technology to craft engaging and effective lesson plans for students. Skilled at building rapport with students and parents. Specific skills include:

- Touch Math Program;
- Science Companion
- Promethean SmartBoard Technology
- Planning and teaching with a differentiated instruction method.
- Interpreting and implementing modifications from an IEP

Education
Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, May 2013
GPA: 3.87

Central Bucks High School West, Doylestown, PA
Diploma, June 2009

Certifications
Pennsylvania Instructional I: Elementary Education (K-6)

Classroom Experience
Holy Child Academy, Drexel Hill, PA
Student Teacher, January 2013-April 2013
- Taught 17 second grade students of mixed ability levels in Mathematics, Reading, Writing, Religion, Social Studies, Spelling, Library Skills, and Computers.
- Planned and implemented lessons. Utilized behavior program.
- Integrated technology, including Internet and subject specific software, into lessons.
- Conducted parent conferences.

Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School, Philadelphia, PA
Teacher’s Assistant, January 2012-December 2012
- Assisted individual students in kindergarten class of 20 students in an urban setting.
- Led lessons for a class of 20 second grade students.
- Worked with lead teachers to assess students’ ability levels in various subject matters.

Samuel Gompers Elementary School, Philadelphia, PA
Language Arts Tutor, Kindergarten, September 2011-December 2011
- Worked with an emergent reader and focused on increasing sight word fluency, reading comprehension, and decoding strategies
- Completed Howard Street Assessment and implemented intervention

Field Experience, Art Grades 5-6, January - May 2011
- Taught class lessons under the supervision of cooperating teacher
Rudolph Blankenburg Elementary School, Philadelphia, PA
Field Experience, First Grade, January - May 2010
- Assisted with managing students and classroom procedures (marking papers, escorting class to specials)
- Performed small group instruction for language arts

Related Experience
Huntington Learning Center, Doylestown, PA
Tutor (Mathematics, Reading), May 2010-Present
- Worked 1:1 with students to assist with reading and mathematics skills.
- Corrected and assessed papers and tests.

Kinney Center for Autism Research and Support, Philadelphia, PA
SCHOLARS, May 2010-May 2012
- Served as group leader
- Participated in sports workshops
- Developed and implemented social skills programs
- Taught cooking lessons during summer camp
- Worked with children ages 3 to 18 with autism

Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Senior Camp Kresge Counselor, May 2008 - May 2012
- Guided individual campers in participating successfully in all aspects of camp activities.
- Carried out established roles for supervising camper health.
- Carried out established roles in enforcing camp safety regulations and emergency procedures.
- Developed activity plans according to developmentally appropriate guidelines.
- Supervised all assigned aspects of the campers' day and well-being including, meal times, rest hour, evening activities, and after-hours duty as assigned.
- Lead all camp activities such as boating, archery, rock wall, fishing, etc.

The Jones Family, Philadelphia, PA May 2009-August 2010
Nanny, May 2009-August 2010
- Cared for a six-year-old boy and a nine-year-old girl.
- Organized activities for the children to do after school work was finished.
- Tutored the children and offered assistance with their homework.
- Provided a safe environment for children.

Honors, Awards, Memberships
- Roadtrip (Freshman Experience) Leader – Saint Joseph’s University, Fall 2012
- Weekly Service at Gesu School, Philadelphia, 2012
- Students for Peace and Justice, Saint Joseph’s University, 2011-2012
- Appalachian Experience with Habitat for Humanity, March 2012
- Community Day – Saint Joseph’s University, Fall 2011, Spring 2012
- Boo Crew – Saint Joseph’s University, Fall 2011
- Philadelphia Service Immersion Program, Saint Joseph’s University, August 2011