PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. School of Education’s educational leadership programs are designed for candidates who hold a New York state (NYS) teaching certificate and are seeking NYS certification at the school building, or school building and school district level.

Using an integrated approach by combining theory, authentic case studies, class discussions, candidates’ experience, and field based internships, the programs address current and emerging issues impacting the quality of education. The integrated approach infuses theory with practice to support candidates to obtain the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to create optimum school conditions. In addition, the case studies and field experiences both teach and measure candidate competence against national and state standards.

ACCREDITATION

The School of Education’s teacher education program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

NCATE transitioned to the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) as the new accrediting body for educator preparation.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Completed in four semesters (15 months)
- Classes meet Friday evenings and Saturdays (every other weekend)
- Classes are offered sequentially so students focus on one class at a time
- Technology Enhanced Delivery - blended format with online course components
- Excellent placement rate for administrative positions
- 32 credit hour program

LIFE AFTER FISHER

School of Education teachers and administrators work in public, charter, and private schools throughout New York state and across the country.
SAMPLE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FALL
GEDA 560  Achieving Standards of Excellence (3)
GEDA 561  Leadership by Collaboration (3)
GEDA 562  Internship I (2)

Total: 8 credits

SPRING
GEDA 563  Planning for School & District Assessment and Improvement (3)
GEDA 564  Improving Instruction and Learning (3)
GEDA 565  Internship II (2)

Total: 8 credits

SUMMER
GEDA 566  Developing Effective Partnerships (3)
GEDA 567  Effective Communication (3)
GEDA 568  Internship III (2)

Total: 8 credits

FALL
GEDA 569  Accountability, Assessment, and Performance (3)
GEDA 570  Producing and Sustaining School Improvement (3)
GEDA 571  Internship IV (2)

Total: 8 credits

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed online application
- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work (if applicable)
- Two recommendation forms (submitted online)
- Current résumé
- Professional/career goals statement
- Results of the TOEFL (if native language is not English)
- Graduate Transfer Credit Request Form and supporting documents (submitted online, if applicable)
- A copy of New York state teaching certification OR proof of pending certification is required for students just completing their undergraduate studies.
- To comply with New York state regulations, applicants to graduate-level teacher professional certification programs who do not have a master’s degree must provide Fisher with scores from either of the following:
  - Miller Analogies Test (MAT)*
  - Graduate Record Examination (GRE)*
- Applicants must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 for baccalaureate degrees from approved postsecondary institutions.

*Note: Test scores are valid on these exams for five years. Applicants who already have a master’s degree are exempt from submitting test scores.

ABOUT THE RALPH C. WILSON, JR. SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. School of Education provides numerous degree options to prepare education professionals for certification and careers in schools, elementary through high school. With the School’s emphasis on social justice, you will learn how to engage your own students as they develop, making a lasting impact on individual lives and the greater community.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

If you have questions regarding the program or the application process, please contact the Office of Transfer and Graduate Admissions at (585) 385-8064 or email grad@sjfc.edu