TESOL CHILDHOOD (BS)

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Introduction
This major prepares candidates in Childhood Education which covers Grades 1-6 and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) for Grades 1-6. It contains pedagogical knowledge and skills to ensure that candidates are qualified to teach at these levels and in high needs classroom settings serving students who are new Americans or who speak a language other than English at home. Many courses are infused with field experiences so candidates build skill as they progress through the program. In addition, each candidate must take coursework as set forth in the Canisius College Core Curriculum and must also choose a 30 credit liberal arts concentration to ensure that they have the content knowledge necessary to teach children in Grades 1-6.

Qualifications
Students must meet the requirements at all transition points in order to graduate with an education degree and be recommended for teacher certification. Please see School of Education and Human Services website for transition point requirements.

Advisement
All students should have an advisor in the major and should contact the department directly to have an advisor assigned if they do not already have one. Meetings with academic advisors are required prior to students receiving their PIN for course registration each semester. All majors should work closely with their advisor in discussing career expectations, choosing their major electives, developing their entire academic program and planning their co-curricular or supplemental academic experiences.

Double Majors
Students who wish to expand their educational opportunities may decide to declare a double major. The decision may be based on career goals or planned graduate studies. Before a student declares a double major, it is important to meet with the appropriate academic departments for advisement. Some double major combinations can be completed within the minimum 120 credit hour degree requirement, but in some cases additional course work may be required. In order to declare a double major, the student must complete the appropriate double major request form and get the signature of each department chairperson and the appropriate associate dean. Please note that students will receive only one degree, regardless of the number of majors they complete.