

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Mission Statement

The faculty of the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS), in concert with our candidates, school/community partners, alumni, and the community, seek to prepare highly effective, socially committed professionals who value the Jesuit traditions demonstrated through their own *cura personalis*, work towards social justice, and leadership through service. The mission of the unit is to prepare professionals who possess content, pedagogical, and professional **knowledge**; use their gifts in the **service** of others; and demonstrate **professionalism** and **leadership** in their field.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The School of Education and Human Services offers curricula leading to graduate degrees and advanced certificates in a number of areas within the departments of Counseling and Human Services, Teacher Education and Leadership, Kinesiology and Physician Assistant Studies.

Counseling and Human Services

The Department of Counseling and Human Services offers programs in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling designed to prepare humanistic, competent, professional counselors.

Teacher Education and Leadership

The Department of Teacher Education and Leadership offers graduate educator preparation programs for candidates seeking teaching certification and programs for certified teachers looking to add advanced credentials. The Canisius University Teacher Residency program offers a unique, immersive experience, providing a year-long paid teacher residency while candidates earn their master's degree. Additional programs in administration include Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration and Educational Leadership and Supervision.

Kinesiology

The Department of Kinesiology offers a program in Exercise Science which trains students in the areas of exercise as medicine, with an emphasis on clinical exercise science, health behaviors, pre-habilitation and strength and conditioning.

Physician Assistant Studies

The Department of Physician Assistant Studies offers a master's degree program consisting of didactic (classroom) training, clinical training, and a final phase of summative review and evaluation in preparation to become a physician assistant.

Admission

Applicants for admission to graduate work in SEHS may be accepted as matriculants (master's degree/advanced certificate candidates) in a

particular program, or as non-matriculants. Except in unusual cases, non-matriculants may take no more than 9 credit hours before matriculation is required.

Admission Procedures

All applicants for admission to a graduate program must submit:

- One copy of official undergraduate transcripts indicating the receipt of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning
- Letters of recommendation

Graduate Application

Counseling, Kinesiology, and Non Teacher Education Applicants

Admission will require a 2.70 cumulative undergraduate GPA. Applicants who have an undergraduate GPA below a 2.70 may be required to meet additional requirements in order to provide evidence of their ability to be successful in graduate studies (i.e., personal interview, additional coursework).

Physician Assistant Studies Applicants

Please refer to the Physician Assistant Studies website for specific information regarding the CASPA application process and admissions.

Teacher Education Applicants

A 3.00 cumulative undergraduate GPA is preferred. Applicants who have an undergraduate GPA below a 3.00 may be required to meet additional requirements in order to provide evidence of their ability to be successful in graduate studies (i.e., personal interview, additional coursework).

Transfer Credits

No more than six credits of graduate coursework will be accepted in transfer from other institutions. The grades must have been at least "C" and must have been earned within the five-year time limit for completion of degree requirements. All transfer credits must coordinate with the candidate's program of study at Canisius University, as approved by the program director. Any exceptions to the above may only be made with the approval of both the program director and the associate dean.

Credit by Examination

Individuals who are applying for admission or who are presently in attendance may obtain credit for previously completed examinations sponsored by the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) or by the New York State College Proficiency Examination Program (CPE). The minimum acceptable grades for these exams are "Pass" for exams graded Pass/Fail and "C" for exams with letter grades. On exams graded on a standard score scale of 20 to 80, the passing score varies from 40 to 50 depending on the subject area. Candidates must consult with the associate dean for permission to use any credit by examination toward their graduate degree or certification requirements.

Master's degrees

Majors	Department
Adolescence Education	Teacher Education
Adolescence Education/Students with Disabilities	Teacher Education

Childhood Education/Special Education	Teacher Education
Childhood Education/TESOL	Teacher Education
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Education (General)	Counseling
Educational Leadership and Supervision	Teacher Education
Exercise Science	Kinesiology
Higher Education Leadership and Administration	Teacher Education
Instructional Technologies and Curriculum Design	Teacher Education
Literacy Education	Teacher Education
Physical Education (Initial Certification)	Teacher Education
Physical Education and Athletics	Teacher Education
Physical Education Online	Teacher Education
Physician Assistant Studies	Physician Assistant
School Counseling	Counseling
Special Education Advanced	Teacher Education
Teacher Residency	Teacher Education
Teaching Students with Disabilities	Teacher Education
TESOL	Teacher Education

Advanced Certificates

Majors	Department
Bilingual Education	Teacher Education
Coaching	Teacher Education
Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Counseling
Instructional Technologies and Curriculum Design	Teacher Education
Literacy	Teacher Education
Middle Childhood	Teacher Education
School Building Leader	Teacher Education
School Business District Leader	Teacher Education
School Counseling	Counseling
School District Leader	Teacher Education
Sports Performance	Kinesiology
TESOL	Teacher Education

4+1 PROGRAMS (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/graduate/school-education-human-services/educator-preparation/dual-degree-content-and-msed-swd/#curriculumtext>)

- BA/BS programs in English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, and History combine with a MEd in Teaching Students with Disabilities Adolescent Generalist 7-12 to provide both general and special education certifications in a 4+1 bachelor's and master's degree program.

Accreditation

Counseling

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), a specialized accreditor in the field of counseling, accredits the two counseling programs leading towards a Master of Science degree.

Physician Assistant Studies

The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Canisius University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Canisius University. Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students. Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class, scheduled to begin in January 2021. The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website (<http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-canisius-college/>).

Teacher Education

Full accreditation of all educator preparation programs in the School of Education and Human Services was obtained through the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) in 2017.

Canisius is currently pursuing accreditation of its educator preparation programs by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP). Pursuant to §52.21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the educator preparation programs offered by Canisius University are considered to be continuously accredited for purposes of meeting the New York State requirement that all such programs maintain continuous accreditation.