

CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

Mission:

DePaul University pursues the preservation, enrichment, and transmission of knowledge and culture across a broad spectrum of academic disciplines. It treasures its deep roots in the wisdom nourished in Catholic universities over the centuries. The principal distinguishing marks of the University are its Catholic, Vincentian, and urban character.

DePaul is dedicated to teaching, research, and public service. In pursuing its own distinctive purposes among these three fundamental responsibilities, this university places highest priority on programs of instruction and learning.

Teacher Preparation Programs:

The School of Education offers programs leading to Illinois certification at the undergraduate level in Early Childhood, Elementary, Physical Education, Secondary Education (16 areas of concentration), and Music Education. There are also teacher certification programs at the graduate level in Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

Student Characteristics:

The composite mean scores for the entering Freshman ACT was 24.1 and the SAT was 1138. The racial makeup of this class was 31% minority and 69% Caucasian. Their geographic origin was 47% suburban, 19% Chicago, 27% out-of-state, and 7% elsewhere in Illinois. The class is 56% female and 44% male.

Admissions Requirements:

Admission to Teacher Education Program: Undergraduates must take and pass the Basic Skills test and have a minimum of 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students who have not passed the state test are classified as pre-education. Graduate students must have two letters of recommendation, two official transcripts, a personal statement, pass the state Basic Skills test, and have a 2.75 or above GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students may only register for up to 16 quarter hours before acceptance into the School of Education.

Admission to Student Teaching: Undergraduates must take and pass a state Content Area test, have a minimum of 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale, 100 hours of field experience, and pass a T. B. test. Graduate students must take and pass a state Content Area test, have a minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, 100 hours of field experience, 3 positive letters of recommendation, and pass a T. B. test.

Accreditation:

DePaul University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The school of Education has been accredited by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCATE) since 1962. All programs are approved by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Teacher Education Vision:

The School of Education prepares all of its students to be “Urban Professional Multicultural Educators” who 1. Integrate theory and practice; 2. Consider multiple perspectives; 3. Exhibit Vincentian personalism; 4. Promote positive transformation; and 5. Function as life-long learners.

Best Practices:

- Clinical experiences are infused throughout the programs.
- Year-long structured tutoring opportunities are available.
- All undergraduate candidates, along with their Liberal Arts core program, have experiential opportunities to integrate their studies and to apply their learning to real world situations.
- Induction classes are incorporated into both undergraduate and graduate programs.
- All secondary candidates have a major in their area of endorsement from Liberal Arts. Undergraduate students have a concentration from Liberal Arts.
- School of Education faculty are actively involved working with urban and suburban school districts and the parochial schools.

Notable Features and Accomplishments:

- DePaul has been the lead university for matriculating Golden Apple scholarship students.
- The School of Education conceptual model of its programs has been singled out for praise by visiting state and accreditation teams.
- There are four active outreach programs/centers servicing both the metropolitan area and suburban schools.
- School of Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences faculty have collaborated on the development of a Professional Development Schools network, providing professional development opportunities for pre-service and in-service teachers and principals at partnering public and private schools in Chicago.
- School of Education and School for New Learning faculty have collaborated on the development of a joint program in Early Childhood Education. Students will earn the Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education with certification.

Program Information for DePaul University 2007-2008	
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S.1 Total number of students admitted into teacher preparation, all specializations, in academic year 2007-2008	882
S.2 Number of candidates in supervised student teaching in academic year 2007-2008	507
S.3 Number of faculty members who supervised student teachers:	
➤ S.3A Full-time faculty in professional education	12
➤ S.3B Part-time faculty in professional education but full-time in the institution	0
➤ S.3C Part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution	42
S.4 Total faculty student teaching supervisors	54
S.5 Student teacher/faculty ratio (Divide total given in S.2 by the number given in S.4)	9:1
S.6A The average number of student teaching hours per week	30
S.6B The total number of weeks of supervised student teaching required	10
S.7 Average total number of hours required	300