

CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

Mission:

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Teacher Education Vision:

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Teacher Preparation Programs:

Loyola offers both bachelors and masters programs leading to state teacher certification at the elementary, secondary, and special education level. Master degrees with certification include Reading Specialist and School Technology Specialist. Loyola is also approved to add bilingual/ESL endorsements on an initial teacher certificate.

Best Practices

- Integrated curriculum of Arts and Sciences and Education courses ensures that candidates realize the dynamic relationship between scholarly knowledge and practice
- Incorporation of advanced technologies prepares candidates to use the latest tools for improving teaching and learning
- International study is available at Loyola's Rome Center and in our Cuba experience
- Experienced teacher-mentors (professional teachers) work with each candidate through his/her undergraduate/graduate years
- Extensive use of the resources and experiences available in Chicago and its suburbs produces graduates with a breadth and depth of experience
- Opportunity to participate in our Professional Development School
- The School of Education was of only 11 schools that was found to satisfactorily teach all five necessary components of reading science. The report, conducted by the National Council on Teacher Quality, evaluated education programs' reading courses at 73 universities and colleges nationwide.

Student Characteristics:

Loyola's students represent a diverse spectrum of races, ethnicities, religious affiliations, and interests. This diversity is welcomed and celebrated. While most undergraduates are of traditional college age, candidates in the graduate program are of varied ages.

Admissions Requirements:

Admission to Teacher Education: Candidates must have completed specific classes with at least a 2.8 GPA, (3.0 for graduate admission) have a 2.5 overall, demonstrate written and oral communication skills, pass an Illinois Criminal Fingerprint Background Check, and pass the Illinois Test of Basic Skills.

Admission to Student Teaching: Candidates must have completed all designated coursework, with a minimum 2.8 GPA (3.0 graduate candidates) and approved pre-student teaching clinical experience. Faculty approval and a passing score on a test in the content area are required.

Notable Features and Accomplishments

- Loyola has varied grants supporting teacher education.
- More than 200 principals and superintendents in the Chicago area are Loyola graduates.
- Classes are offered on our attractive Lakeshore Campus and at our vibrant North Michigan Avenue Campus.
- Loyola prepares teachers for public and parochial schools.

Accreditation:

Loyola is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the Commission on institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges.

**Program Information for Loyola University
2005-2006**

S.1 Total number of students admitted into teacher preparation, all specializations, in academic year 2005-2006	404
S.2 Number of candidates in supervised student teaching in academic year 2005-2006	169
S.3 Number of faculty members who supervised student teachers:	
➤ S.3A Full-time faculty in professional education	1
➤ 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	22
S.4 Total faculty student teaching supervisors	23
S.5 Student teacher/faculty ratio (Divide total given in S.2 by the number given in S.4)	7:1
S.6A The average number of student teaching hours per week	35
S.6B The total number of weeks of supervised student teaching required	15
S.7 Average total number of hours required	525