

## CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

### **Mission:**

Founded in 1860, Quincy University stands as a Catholic independent, liberal arts institution of higher learning in the Franciscan tradition. Inspired by the spirit of Francis and Clare of Assisi, we respect each person as a sister or brother with dignity, value, and worth. We work for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation. We prepare men and women for leadership and for the transformation of the world by educating them to seek knowledge that leads to wisdom. We welcome and invite all to share our spirit and life.

### **Teacher Preparation Programs:**

Quincy University offers baccalaureate programs leading to Illinois teacher certification in the following areas: Biological Sciences, Elementary Education, English, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education and Special Education. Certification on the graduate level is also available in Elementary Education and Special Education. The University also offers a graduate program leading to certification in general school administration and school counseling.

### **Student Characteristics:**

Most undergraduates are of traditional college age, 85% are full-time students, 75% are Illinois residents, and 96% of all students receive some form of financial aid. Thirteen percent of all students are minority students. The average ACT score for fall of 2004 Freshmen was 23

### **Admissions Requirements:**

**Admission to Teacher Education Program:** Candidates must have satisfactory performance on the Illinois certification Basic Skills test; satisfactory completion (a minimum of C) in Foundations of Education and English Composition & Text I & II and Speech; a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.600 overall and a 2.600 in course work within the teaching field. Candidates must also have submitted a satisfactory Developmental Electronic Portfolio and must have received satisfactory evaluations in the Clinical I experience.

**Admission to Student Teaching:** Students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.60; must have completed all professional education courses with a grade of "C" or better including methodology courses and practica; 120 clock hours of directed observation and participation must have been completed with passing or grades of C or better. Candidates must have successfully completed the content area exam administered by ISBE and submitted a pre-professional portfolio based on ISBE standards. Departmental approval is required.

### **Accreditation:**

Quincy University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The School of Education's teacher preparation programs are also accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

### **Teacher Education Vision:**

#### **The Mission Statement Of The School Of Education**

Embracing the Franciscan values of respect for the individual and service toward others, the Quincy University School of Education will personalize the development of **servant leaders**. These inspiring and collaborative professionals will be **reflective decision makers** who are committed to the academic and personal **success of all students**, particularly the marginalized, in responsive responsive teaching and learning communities.

#### **The Vision Statement Of The School Of Education**

The vision of the School of Education extends from the mission of the School of Education and more specifically aligns with the unit's primary purpose. The vision of the School of Education is to

personalize the development of educators and other related educational personnel who are becoming persons of integrity who are (a) respectful of persons placed in their care, (b) who accept and celebrate diversity; (c) who are purposive and passionate about teaching and learning; (d) who are reflective, creative, and collaborative; and (e) who have the necessary knowledge, skills, and competencies to effectively meet the social, emotional, and educational needs of those who depend upon their care and guidance.

### **Best Practices:**

- Courses are taught in the classrooms of local public and parochial classrooms in a professional development school model ensuring direct instruction and interaction with K-12 students during the first and all education courses.
- All teacher education candidates must complete a minimum of 120 clock hours of field experience with students who are culturally different from them before being allowed to student teach. Student Teaching typically occurs in the classroom where the last clinical experience was completed and is a full sixteen weeks in length.
- The "Teacher Work Sample" methodology is included in the course work of the Advanced Reading Courses.
- English teacher education majors must, during their student teaching semester, meet with two English Department faculty members to present a lesson plan on the teaching of some aspect of writing and discuss it with those faculty members.
- All Elementary Education, Special Education, and English majors are required to tutor a minimum of one semester in the University Reading Center with students from the public or private elementary schools who are experiencing reading difficulty.
- Candidates in the beginning Foundations of Education, Survey of Exceptional Students, and Educational Psychology courses must serve as mentors with students in the local schools and all students in the Foundations course are taught the Teacher Expectations and Student Achievement Program (TESA).
- Field experiences are integrated throughout the preparation program.
- All candidates complete reflective portfolios based on ISBE standards which are submitted at intervals throughout their programs.
- All education classes infuse technology into course requirements.

### **Notable Features and Accomplishments:**

- The School of Education is recognized for its commitment to developing educators who are steeped in the concept of servant leadership. Servant leadership, based on the principle humility, is the cornerstone of all School of Education programs.
- The placement rate for all teacher education graduates students within 90 days of graduation is 95%.
- All Music Education majors must hold a senior recital and write a recital paper which constitutes a comprehensive experience.
- The University provides five full scholarships for needy minority students from Illinois interested in pursuing a major in teacher education.
- A close collaborative working relationship with Quincy public and private schools affords Quincy University students the best in technology, internship sites, and adjunct professors.
- The University provides collaborative in-service with area schools on a regular basis. During the last school year over 100 seminars and workshops were provided for area educators.

<b>Program Information for Quincy University 2006-2007</b>	
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<b>S.1</b> Total number of students admitted into teacher preparation, all specializations, in academic year 2006-2007	<b>42</b>
<b>S.2</b> Number of candidates in supervised student teaching in academic year 2006-2007	<b>35</b>
<b>S.3</b> Number of faculty members who supervised student teachers:	
➤ <b>S.3A</b> Full-time faculty in professional education	<b>5</b>
➤ <b>S.3B</b> Part-time faculty in professional education but full-time in the institution	<b>5</b>
➤ <b>S.3C</b> Part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution	<b>4</b>
<b>S.4</b> Total faculty student teaching supervisors	<b>14</b>
<b>S.5</b> Student teacher/faculty ratio (Divide total given in S.2 by the number given in S.4)	<b>2.5</b>
<b>S.6A</b> The average number of student teaching hours per week	<b>40</b>
<b>S.6B</b> The total number of weeks of supervised student teaching required	<b>16</b>
<b>S.7</b> Average total number of hours required	<b>640</b>