



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Graduate

History and Timeline



Welcome to the Graduate Division of The School of Education at St. John's University.

Perhaps the most important factor to consider when choosing a graduate program is the quality of its faculty. At St. John's, our educators serve as a testament to our commitment to academic excellence, preparing well-trained, compassionate instructors since 1908.

The University's dedication to providing an exceptional education to its students is demonstrated by the accomplishments of our graduates. We invite you to be part of our rich history as you embark upon your career as an educator, administrator, or counselor.

The School of Education comprises three departments: Administration and Supervision; Human Services and Counseling; and Curriculum and Instruction.

Founded: 1908

Accreditation: The School of Education's Teacher Education Program is nationally accredited by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council.

Graduate Programs: The School of Education offers three doctoral degrees, 18 advanced certificates, 34 master's degrees, and three Online Learning degrees.

Tuition: For the most up-to-date information, visit stjohns.edu/services/financial/bursar/tuition

Enrollment: 1,348

Alumni: The Graduate Division of The School of Education boasts more than 15,400 alumni—many of whom are teachers, principals, superintendents, professors, CFOs, and CEOs.

A Rich History...

1908

St. John's University establishes the School of Pedagogy. During this period—when only a two-year course is required for state teaching certification—St. John's becomes the second institution of higher learning in New York State to introduce graduate courses for teachers.

1922

The program expands to include courses in experimental education, educational philosophy, classroom management, educational psychology, and principles of education.

1924

The School establishes the Department of Education, which offers courses in teaching methods, educational history, philosophy, and psychology.

1939

The first Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degrees are conferred.

1942

The education program grows so large that the School is divided into undergraduate and graduate divisions. A certificate course, Methods in Kindergarten and Nursery School Practice, is also available—a novel idea in the 1940s.

1955

The School of Education unites its undergraduate and graduate programs on the Queens, NY, campus under a single administration.

1978

The program in Human Services is approved, and The School of Education is renamed The School of Education and Human Services.

1980

The Reading and Writing Education Center is founded to assist children and youth with literacy advancement.

1988

All education programs at St. John's are brought under a single administration.

2001

The human services program is transferred to the College of Professional Studies, and the University trustees approve a return to the name The School of Education.

The School of Education creates the Center for Educational Leadership and Accountability and offers graduate courses at the University's new Oakdale site for the first time.

St. John's, along with a number of other universities, is selected to participate in a new program called the New York City Teaching Fellows. This program is instituted to prepare individuals who have a degree in an area other than education and want to become teachers. Even though the need for teachers has diminished, this program is still in existence today. Although other universities are not invited to continue participation, St. John's is still an active partner.

2003

The Graduate Division of The School of Education offers New York State's first Online Learning program in School Leadership.

The Graduate Division of The School of Education offers courses for the first time at the University's Manhattan, NY, campus.

2004

U.S. News & World Report ranks The School of Education's Graduate Division among the top 10 percent of graduate education programs in the nation.

2005/
2006

The School of Education moves to newly designed offices on the Queens and Staten Island campuses—Sullivan Hall and DaSilva Hall respectively.

The Graduate Division of The School of Education initiates its ongoing **Professional Development Partnership program with the New York City Department of Education**, leading to a master's degree in School Building Leadership for aspiring school leaders from **nonpublic schools**, i.e., Catholic, Jewish, Greek, Lutheran, Islamic, and independent schools.

2006

Graduate courses expand at the Oakdale site to include School Building Leader, Literacy, Special Education, and TESOL.

The Graduate Division of The School of Education offers a Study Abroad program in Brescia, Italy.

2007

The Graduate Division of The School of Education offers a Study Abroad program in the Dominican Republic, emphasizing the original culture of many New York City students.

Funded partnerships grow to serve more than 300 public and private schools, enrolling in excess of four million students.

2008

The School offers its first Ph.D. degree program in Literacy.

The School celebrates its 100th anniversary.

2009

The Graduate Division of The School of Education's Department of Administrative and Instructional Leadership (DAIL) is awarded a competitive grant from the Curran Foundation to establish the first **Curran Catholic Leadership Academy (CCLA)** to develop aspiring leaders for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn.

2011

The New York City Teaching Fellows institutes a new program and chooses St. John's as the only program provider.

DAIL establishes the first global initiative for education students in master's and doctoral programs to study on the Rome, Italy, campus.

2012

St. John's partnership with the New York City Department of Education (Bureau of Nonpublic Schools) and the Nonpublic School Leaders Program has graduated more than 400 students with master's degrees earned online in the School Building Leadership program since 2005.

2013

U.S. News & World Report ranks The School of Education among the top 10 percent of graduate education schools in the nation.

According to the New York City Department of Education, “St. John’s graduates were rated highest in retention, the percentage of teachers still employed in the NYC DOE three years after hire; were second best in tenure approval; had the lowest number receiving ‘unsatisfactory’ ratings their first year; and 91 percent of its teacher graduates were rated ‘highly effective’ or ‘effective’ as reflected in student growth scores on fourth through eighth-grade math and English tests.”

2014

U.S. News & World Report ranked St. John’s graduate program in education as the fifth highest out of 166 graduate online programs in the nation.

2017

U.S. News & World Report ranks The School of Education as one of the top 25 graduate Education programs in the nation.

Our counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and ranked eighth in the nation.