



EDUCATION LICENSURE

University Profile

The University of Saint Francis was founded in 1890 and has a rich heritage of offering quality education. Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions of Faith and Reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service.

Personal attention to students is what makes a USF education so meaningful and enriching to its approximately 2,100 students.

The campus has 108 acres of rolling lawns and trees with 19 buildings and four residence halls that surround beautiful Mirror Lake.

Options for Licensure

The State of Indiana (along with other states) requires classroom teachers to meet certain requirements to receive a license to teach in their areas of specialization. The university's Department of Education offers licensure opportunities in all areas in addition to undergraduate and graduate degrees in education. An additional 18-credit program called Transition to Teaching is also available for those who already have an undergraduate Art degree but have not prepared as teachers in the area of secondary visual arts.

What are the opportunities for licensure?

Undergraduate licensure programs offered in education include:

- Elementary/Mild Intervention
- Middle School/Secondary Education in:
 - Business/Mild Intervention
 - Chemistry/Mild Intervention

- Health and Physical Education/Mild Intervention
- Language Arts/Mild Intervention
- Life Science/Mild Intervention
- Mathematics/Mild Intervention
- Physical Science/Mild Intervention
- Social Studies/Mild Intervention
- All-Grade Level programs in:
 - Mild Intervention with Elementary and Secondary Content Areas
 - Visual Arts

Master of Science in Education with Licensure

The Master of Science in Education in Exceptional Needs is available with licensure for those who are not already licensed teachers. Core courses make up from 12 to 18 semester hours with an additional 24 semester hours in the area of licensure plus student teaching. Classes are offered in the evening for working adults.

Is the Teacher Education Program accredited?

The Indiana Division of Professional Standards (IDPS) and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredit the Teacher Education programs at both the initial (undergraduate) and advanced (graduate) levels. In addition, the university is accredited through the Academic Quality Improvement Project of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

What are the admissions criteria?

Criteria include a combined score of 800 on the Graduate Record Exam or a 389 on the Miller Analogy Test, an overall GPA of 2.80, successful completion of Praxis I (waived if you are already a

licensed teacher), two recommendation forms, a candidate statement, and a Zachary Law check.

What kind of classes will I take?

A prior bachelor's degree is required. An individual assessment is done based on each person's previous college work to determine just which additional courses will be needed based on his or her desired licensure area. Please call for an appointment for your assessment at 260-399-7700, ext. 8415.

Faculty

The University of Saint Francis employs teachers who mirror the characteristics it seeks to instill in its candidates, including knowledge of:

- Self as an individual
- Content
- The learner
- Pedagogy
- Self as an educator and partner in a learning community
- Spiritual and professional self

The faculty of the university represents a broad background of educational, business and community-related experiences. They dedicate themselves to teaching and working with candidates individually and in small-class situations. The cutting-edge curriculum and a qualified faculty with more than 100 years of teaching experience among them are available to all candidates.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work study.

More than 95 percent of undergraduate students receive some form of financial assistance; most receive more than one type of aid. Early estimator packages are available for dependent students during the fall at www.sf.edu/financialaid.

All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Priority deadline is no later than March 10.

For More Information

Contact the Office of Admissions at 260-399-8000 or 1-800-729-4732 or visit our website at www.sf.edu.

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