**Education**

**Early Childhood Education & Program Administration:** This program prepares majors to work with children from birth to eight years old. At the end of the program, majors will have the skills to act in the best interest of the children in their care. This includes effective interaction with parents, families and professionals involved in the care and education of children. The majors in this program will be able to identify developmentally appropriate programs and foster the implementation of best teaching practices for a daycare, preschool, or elementary program. This program also emphasizes management and administration for those majors who seek careers in managing and directing child care centers.

**Early Childhood Teacher Education:** This program prepares majors to work with children ages birth to grade two. Majors will gain a full understanding of child development, allowing them to identify needs of children in their care. The majors in this program will also learn how to create and implement developmentally appropriate practices and best teaching strategies to ensure student learning. Majors will be able to create curricula for their classes based on state standards and learning objectives that are creative, interactive, and that utilize technology through course instruction, classroom observation and student teaching.

**Inclusive Elementary Education:** This program prepares students to work in many different settings with children in grades one through six. Majors in this program will gain knowledge of developmental stages of a child to help with assessment of abilities, as well as how to create and implement developmentally appropriate teaching methods using best practices. Majors will be able to create curricula for their classes based on state standards and learning objectives that are creative, interactive, and that utilize technology through classroom instruction, classroom observation and student teaching. In addition, these majors will also gain the knowledge of how to incorporate all children into their classrooms and how to create individual education plans for children with disabilities. Students will be dual certified in elementary education and special education after completing the New York State Certification exams.

**Career Options** (*Some Careers may require additional education or experience*)

- Early Childhood Teacher (Grades Pre K-3)
- Day-Care Teacher
- Librarian
- Principal
- Tutor
- Special Education Teacher for grades 1-6
- Inclusive Classroom Teacher for grades 1-6
- Substitute Teacher
- Child Life Specialist
- Camp Director
- Au Pair
- Preschool Director
- Researcher
- Writer/Author
- Reading Specialist
- Education Public Relations
- Education Administrator
- College/University Instructor
- Day-Care Center Director/Owner
- Head Start Teacher
- Preschool Teacher
- Social Worker Technician
- General Education Teacher for grades 1-6
- Before & After School Program Director
- Resource Teacher
- Coach
- Employee Trainer

**Related Major Skills**

- Desire to make a difference in the lives of children
- Patience
- Knowledge in all academic areas
- Compassion
- Ability to teach to different learning levels
- Good organization skills
- Creativity
- Communication skills
- Ability to relate to various groups
- Decision-making
- Ability to manage small and large groups
- Attention to detail
- Collaboration
- Flexibility

**Related Web Sites**

- Education Job Listings on the Internet: [http://people.uis.edu/rschr1/school/edjob.htm](http://people.uis.edu/rschr1/school/edjob.htm)
- K-12jobs.com: [http://k12jobs.com](http://k12jobs.com)
- Syracuse City School District: [http://weblink.scsd.us/~test/employmentopportunities.htm](http://weblink.scsd.us/~test/employmentopportunities.htm)
- BOCES Statewide (click on the regional area of interest and you can search employment opportunities): [http://www.monroe2boces.org/statewide.cfm](http://www.monroe2boces.org/statewide.cfm)
- Buffalo Public Schools: [http://www.buffaloschools.org/HumanResources/HumanResources.aspx](http://www.buffaloschools.org/HumanResources/HumanResources.aspx)
- Binghamton City School District: [http://www.bcsd.stier.org/personnel.cfm](http://www.bcsd.stier.org/personnel.cfm)