

Elementary Education and Early Childhood



program

“Already Pennsylvania is a leader in training teachers—nearly 7,000 Pennsylvania-trained teachers learn from the best colleges and universities and become our nation’s best teachers,” says Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell. “Pennsylvania is where people want to come to be trained as teachers.”

Slippery Rock University is one of the best places to learn how to teach young children! Check out our programs, our resources and find out for yourself.

The mission of the Elementary/Early Childhood Education Department is to prepare future and in-service teachers to successfully teach all children in varied settings, including urban, suburban and rural schools. We have two undergraduate tracks. One is a teaching track preparing future teachers for certification to teach in public or private schools (K-6), the other is the early learning track, preparing graduates to work in non-school agencies that specialize in serving the needs of young children. We also offer a second specialization in early childhood education certification (pre-K-3) for students with a first certification in elementary education.”

Majors

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- Early Childhood Education (BSED)
- Elementary Education-
Early Development and Learning (BSED)
- Early Childhood Education Certification

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career opportunities

Elementary education majors successfully completing all requirements in the teaching track are eligible to apply for Pennsylvania certification in grades kindergarten through six. Additionally, students with minors in English, mathematics, the sciences or history can take the corresponding middle school Praxis test to add middle school certification. Early learning track majors often find careers in social agencies such as childcare and hospital settings where their knowledge and expertise are especially valuable. SRU graduates are highly qualified to be effective teachers of preschool children and manage high quality day care centers. Elementary education majors graduating from Slippery Rock University have gone on to teach not only in elementary schools in western Pennsylvania, but across the state and the nation. Our graduates have gone on to study in graduate programs in education, including the principalship and superintendancy, as well as reading and special education to mention several others. Our graduates also work in childcare settings and other fields related to working with children.

student organizations

- Lambda Epsilon Delta (honorary for elementary education majors)
- Kappa Delta Pi (honorary for all education majors)
- Early Childhood Club
- Student PSEA – Pennsylvania State Education Association

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student teaching

- General Student Teaching
- Student Teaching in Las Vegas
- Student Teaching in Ireland
- Student Teaching in Mexico
- Student Teaching in N. Carolina (summer)

Slippery Rock University's Urban Student Teaching Program offers a unique opportunity to teach in the Pittsburgh School District and university collaborative schools. Students work under the direction of supportive and knowledgeable clinical instructors from the school district and specialized SRU supervisors. In addition to actual teaching, students in this program have opportunities for community engagement and involvement, professional development opportunities around the issues of urban education and culturally responsive teaching, as well as becoming a teacher with skills and strategies necessary to successfully teach all learners.



history of excellence

- Technologically enhanced classrooms.
- All SRU faculty are "teachers first."
- SRU Education Program recently spotlighted in Newsweek Magazine Showcase Section.
- Accredited by: Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States.
- Association of Colleges and Schools, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and Pennsylvania.



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