

Fairleigh Dickinson University Annual Report Narrative

Overview of Fairleigh Dickinson University

Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) is the largest private university in New Jersey. A nonsectarian, coeducational institution, FDU offers undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University maintains two major campuses in northern New Jersey—the Metropolitan Campus, Teaneck/Hackensack, and the Florham Campus, Madison/Florham. The university also maintains campuses in Wroxton, England; and Vancouver, British Columbia. In addition, FDU has an expanding partnership with many community colleges located in southern and central New Jersey.

School of Education Overview

The Peter Sammartino School of Education prepares our students to be highly qualified effective teachers and educational leaders. We offer a wide variety of exceptional programs. Our faculty are caring and dedicated educators with terminal degrees from the finest of universities throughout the country. They are committed to their work in the field of education and create a caring and supportive environment for all our students. All our classes are small and our students receive constant personal attention and advisement throughout their studies.

The School of Education offers the following programs leading to initial teacher certification:

- The QUEST program is an undergraduate 5-year accelerated combined degree program leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching, and allowing a candidate to obtain a certificate of advanced standing in one or more of the following: K-6 elementary certification, k-12 content area certification, and middle school endorsement in a subject area.
- The QUEST Dual Certification program is an accelerated combined degree program leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching and allowing a candidate to obtain certifications in both elementary education K-6 and Teacher of Students with Disabilities.
- The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) is a graduate program for those who have a Bachelor's degree allowing a candidate to obtain a certificate of advanced standing in one or more of the following: K-5 elementary certification, k-12 content area certification, English as a Second Language (ESL) certification, and middle school endorsement in a subject area. Another option is available for a candidate to obtain a certificate in Teacher of Students with Disabilities (TSD) as part of the MAT program.

The School of Education offers the following programs for second certifications:

- English as a Second Language (E.S.L.) Certification
- Literacy/Reading Specialist
- Teacher of Students with Disabilities
- Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant

- Principal certification
- Supervisor license

School of Education Mission

The mission of the School of Education is to foster a diverse community of professional educators who are caring, competent, and reflective, as well as ethical leaders committed to advancing student learning and achievement, developing scholarship, and promoting democratic ideals in a global society.

SOE Goals

The overall goal of the SOE is to prepare educators whose commitment to education and learning motivates them to engage in the study, practice, and reflection required for increasing achievement in the classroom and exercising leadership in the school, community, and profession.

Please see <http://fdu.edu/soe> for more information.