

# Education & Teacher Certification at Centenary College

## History of the Program

Centenary College first offered education courses in 1929. The first graduate program was offered in 1995, as a Master of Arts in Education: Instructional Leadership. This was joined by a Master of Arts in Special Education in 1999.

The program continued to grow and expand into the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The chair, Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite, began to investigate national accreditation. In 2004, initiative began in earnest to achieve TEAC accreditation. In May, 2005, Centenary's Education Department became TEAC pre-accredited.

During this time, significant growth and change was occurring within the graduate program. A Master of Arts in Educational Leadership was added in 2003. In 2006, the first on-line program, Master of Education in Educational Practice was begun.

## Today

Centenary College offers teacher certification programs in New Jersey to students who are working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree Biology, English, History, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Liberal Arts.

Centenary College is known for its innovative approach to teaching special education methodologies to tomorrow's teachers. We were one of the first colleges with education programs in New Jersey to provide a dual certification program for general education and special education students.

Students who enroll in the Education Department at Centenary may become certified in:

### **Elementary Education (K-6)**

### **Middle School Endorsement (5-8)\***

- Teacher of Biology
- Teacher of English
- Teacher of Mathematics
- Teacher of Social Studies

### **Highschool Education (P-12)**

- Teacher of Biology
- Teacher of English
- Teacher of Mathematics (P-12)
- Teacher of Social Studies (P-12)

## **Graduate Education**

### **Master of Arts**

- Instructional Leadership
- Reading Specialist
- Special Education
- Educational Practices

### **Doctorate Ed.D**

- Educational Leadership

# **Our Approach to Educational Study**

## **Four Guiding Principles:**

Our approach to teaching is built around four guiding principles:

- Centenary College is about teaching students to love to learn.
- There are many ways in which children learn—there is no one way for all children—so we help our students to understand how to match teaching styles with learning styles.
- We teach our students based their best learning styles; so we practice what we teach.
- Students and faculty create the learning program together.

## **Department Goals**

The Education Department has established these goals:

1. The Education Department works in partnership with the other major departments of the college to provide programs of study designed to integrate liberal arts knowledge with the student's emerging role as an educator.
2. The Education Department provides courses and experiences for students to become knowledgeable in the essential professional areas of foundations of education, child development, curriculum, and teaching methods.
3. The Education Department provides courses and experiences in which students develop a full repertoire of ethical and professional skills.

4. The Education Department provides courses and experiences which enable our students to become interactive, technologically able, innovative, and caring educators who understand how to accommodate students' diverse needs.
5. The Education Department provides careful advising and close supervision in order to help ensure that students become competent as well as qualified teachers.
6. The Education Department integrates the College's set of Greater Expectations and New Jersey Professional Standards for Teachers (INTASC) within the Education program. (See the Integration Matrix in Appendix F.)