SECONDARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION programs train future educators to be highly qualified in content areas and interventions, and to learn how to incorporate research into their work to encourage innovation. Candidate educators are provided with authentic, diverse and collaborative experiences grounded in evidence-based instructional and intervention practices. Students learn how to meet and exceed professional teaching standards, while emphasizing the value of diversity of all individuals.

Bachelor of Science (BS) or Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Secondary Education

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Special Education

The Xavier Advantage:

▸ Obtain licensure as a special education graduate to practice as a professional in a variety of inclusive and specially designed educational and learning environments.

▸ Complete your licensing and be ready to teach in the State of Ohio and 42 other states that offer reciprocity.

▸ Benefit from extensive fieldwork in local schools with cooperating teachers, beginning in your freshman year.

▸ Student teach during your undergraduate program in diverse school environments (urban, suburban, public, private and in different grade levels).

▸ Attend professional development programs in education outside your coursework.

▸ Enhance learning by choosing to participate in Xavier’s study abroad programs.

Xavier education graduates go on to:

▸ Pre-K through grade 12 entry-level teaching positions

▸ Professional practice in secondary education in school districts, agencies or hospital settings

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THE PROGRAM

As part of the College of Social Sciences, Health & Education, the School of Education offers teacher licensure programs approved by the Ohio State Board of Education and awards the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in various areas of specialization. At the graduate level, the Master of Education degree is available in many concentrations.

The Department of Secondary and Special Education is one of Xavier’s largest academic departments, serving more than 700 students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Students enrolled in the secondary education program receive a Bachelor of Science (BS) or Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in their major from the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Social Sciences, Health, and Education awards the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Special Education. At the graduate level, the Department offers a 30-credit-hour Master of Education (MEd) degree with a concentration in either Secondary Education or in Special Education.

In addition to traditional studies, education students at Xavier:

▶ Engage in extensive fieldwork in local schools with cooperating teachers, beginning in the freshman year.
▶ Teach during their undergraduate program in diverse school environments (urban, suburban, public, private and in different grade levels).
▶ Attend professional development programs in education outside their coursework.
▶ May participate in study abroad programs offered by Xavier University.
▶ Create an electronic portfolio to demonstrate their knowledge of and skills in the teaching and learning process.

Recommendation upon completion of the specific licensure program is submitted by Xavier University to the Ohio Department of Education. The Department of Secondary and Special Education offers teacher licensure programs approved by the Ohio Department of Education which also fulfill Xavier University’s bachelor degree requirements. All programs are accredited by the Teacher Accreditation Council. All students complete the liberal arts Core Curriculum.

RESOURCES

The full-time and part-time faculty in the School of Education is professionally prepared and experienced in the various areas of specialization. The standards set forth by the Ohio Department of Education and the professional education associations are evident in our teaching practice, scholarship and interaction with education majors.

Xavier’s University Library houses the Lodge learning materials collection, the resource and materials production center, and a collection of children’s literature. A technology classroom and an interactive mathematics/science classroom are located in the A.B. Cohen Building.

In addition, Xavier University houses two specialized centers:

▶ Opened in 1998, the Xavier Center for Excellence in Education (XCEED) offers facilities and programs for general coursework and for instructional technology. XCEED offers outstanding professional development programs for in-service educators. XCEED will plan, develop and implement appropriate courses for teaching in pre-K-12 classrooms, and works collaboratively with local school districts in Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky to meet the needs of teachers and students.

OUTCOMES

Secondary education: After graduation, students are prepared to be entry-level secondary teachers for pre-K through grade 12. As teachers, Xavier graduates not only contribute to the development of America’s children but also will meet the new educational demands of our society:

• Nationwide, some 2.2 million teachers will be needed in the next 10 years because of teacher attrition and retirement, and increased student enrollment.

• In high-poverty urban and rural districts alone, more than 700,000 new teachers will be needed in the next decade.

Licensing requirements under State of Ohio standards are included in Xavier education programs. Students receive assistance from advisors and guidance from Xavier’s Director of Certification. Application for other state licensure must be made by the student after completion of the State of Ohio licensure process.

The State of Ohio has licensure reciprocity with 42 other states. For further details about requirements for licensure and other teaching credentials, please visit www.xavier.edu/education.

Special education: After completing the degree licensure program, students may practice as a professional in a variety of inclusive and specially designed educational and learning environments. These can be in school districts, agencies or hospital settings. Students learn and practice these roles and responsibilities through the continual field experiences that are based on the age and grade levels of the licensure area and by the application practices of instructional and behavioral interventions with special learning and behavioral needs of students in the assigned field experiences.

Licensing requirements under State of Ohio standards are included in the special education programs. Students receive detailed explanations during advising sessions, and the Director of Licensure/Certification guides students through the application process for each specific licensure area during the student teaching seminar. Application for other state licensure must be made by the student after completion of the State of Ohio licensure process.
CORE CURRICULUM
The foundation of Xavier’s success is its commitment to its Jesuit heritage. The Core Curriculum embodies Xavier’s mission and philosophy of education and serves as a valuable foundation for all undergraduate students. Within the Core, the four-course Ethics/Religion and Society (E/RS) Focus fosters students’ understanding of socially significant issues through study of the humanities, especially literature, philosophy and theology, as well as the social and natural sciences. Along with courses in their major, Xavier students also take Core courses in: cultural diversity, English composition, fine arts, foreign language, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, science, social science and theology.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
Core Curriculum: Minimum 64 credit hours

Secondary education: Students complete a major in the College of Arts and Sciences, and a minor in professional education:

- Grades 7-12 licensure: Integrated language arts (English); integrated mathematics; integrated social studies; physical sciences; life science; chemistry; physics; life science/physics; and life science/chemistry
- Grades pre-K-12 licensure: Music, visual art, French, German, Latin, Spanish

Special education: Students complete a major and a concentration as an intervention specialist in the following areas:

- Grades K-12: Mild moderate intervention specialist; moderate intensive intervention specialist
- Age 3 to Grade 3: Early childhood intervention specialist

For detailed major requirements, visit www.xavier.edu/education/secondary-special-education.

XAVIER AT A GLANCE
Founded in 1831, Xavier University is a Jesuit Catholic university in Cincinnati, Ohio, annually ranked among the nation's best universities. Its three colleges offer 85 undergraduate majors, 54 minors and 11 graduate programs to 7,019 total students, including 4,368 undergraduates.

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