THE STUDY OF EDUCATION prepares teachers who will not only contribute to the development of America’s children but also meet the new educational demands of our society. Students integrate theory and best practice to ensure superior professional preparation in their selected areas of teaching specialization.

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Education with a concentration in:

- **Early childhood education**: Preparation to work with children ages 3 through 8, or preschool through grade three.
- **Middle childhood education**: Teaching grades four through nine in two fields of concentration, chosen from the areas of social studies, mathematics, science and reading/language arts.
- **Montessori education**: Based on the study of the philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori and current educational principles in holistic teaching.
- **Secondary education**: Licensure programs to teach English, mathematics, social studies, various areas of natural science, music, visual art, French, German, Greek, Latin and Spanish.
- **Special education** with a concentration in one of the following areas: mild/moderate intervention specialist; moderate/intensive intervention specialist; or early childhood intervention specialist.

Minors: Montessori education, professional education

The Xavier Advantage:

- Benefit from Xavier’s Jesuit Catholic tradition that values deeply the mission of teaching, encouraging students to promote social justice, appreciate diversity and demonstrate respect for the individual.
- Complete teacher licensure programs, approved by the State of Ohio Board of Education and national accreditation through the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) as well as American Montessori Society certification in Montessori pre-primary and primary teaching.
THE PROGRAM

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.

The Bachelor of Science (BS) degree is offered with a concentration in one of the following areas of specialization. (For more detail, please review individual academic brochures available for these majors.)

► Early childhood education, which prepares students to work with children ages 3 through 8, or preschool through grade three. The approach is holistic, with a strong emphasis on an integrated learning approach. Field experience and student teaching occur at both the preschool and primary level.

► Middle childhood education readies students for grades four through nine for teaching in two fields of concentration, which the student chooses from the areas of social studies, mathematics, science and reading/language arts. Students experience interdisciplinary learning, a hallmark of middle childhood education, as part of their learning experience at Xavier.

► Montessori education, which is based on the study of the philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori and current educational principles, prepares students for teaching holistically; and respecting each child’s unique nature and desire for independence and a sense of community. Students gain knowledge about Montessori through seminar and materials courses as well as through hands-on field experiences in both public and private Montessori schools. Students learn to integrate Montessori materials with Ohio state academic content standards and are awarded initial Ohio state licensure for preschool through third grade, allowing them to teach in both Montessori and traditional programs. The School of Education also offers a minor in Montessori Education.

► Secondary education: Licensure programs prepare students to teach English, mathematics, social studies, various areas of natural science, music, visual art, French, German, Greek, Latin and Spanish.

► Special education programs are theory-based with continual field application experiences. Students complete the degree with a concentration in one of the following areas: mild/moderate intervention specialist; moderate/intensive intervention specialist; or early childhood intervention specialist.

► Professional education: Offered as a minor, this program is for undergraduates who complete a liberal arts major and also plan to complete state licensure requirements to teach in grades pre-K through grade 12 or grades 7-12.

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.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

As part of the College of Social Sciences, Health, and Education, the School of Education offers teacher licensure programs which are nationally accredited through the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) and approved by the State of Ohio 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.

In addition, Xavier University houses two specialized centers:

• Opened in 1998, the Xavier Center for Excellence in Education (XCEED) offers facilities 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.

• The Center for Catholic Education assists Catholic schools in the transmission of the faith and the development of Catholic education. Among the Center’s goals: to provide resources and support in the areas of teacher development, strategic planning, marketing and public relations, financial management, enrollment management, buildings and grounds management, and leadership; to support research and assessment of the effectiveness of Catholic schools; and to promote academic achievement and faith formation.

The full-time and part-time faculty in the School of Education are 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. All programs are nationally accredited through the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC).

LICENSURE

Xavier offers teacher licensure programs, approved by the State of Ohio Board of Education, for the following areas:

► Early childhood

► Middle childhood

► Multi-age

► Adolescent to young adult

► Intervention specialist (mild/moderate, moderate/intensive, gifted/talented and early childhood)

► American Montessori Society certification in Montessori pre-primary and primary teaching adolescent to young adult fields of licensure (grades 7-12) include: integrated language arts (English), integrated mathematics, integrated social studies and natural sciences.
Multi-age teaching fields of licensure (grades pre K-12) include: music, visual art, French, German, Greek, Latin and Spanish.

Adolescent to young adult teaching fields of licensure (grades pre 7-12) include: integrated language arts (English), integrated mathematics, integrated social studies, physical sciences, life science, chemistry, physics, life science/physics and life science/chemistry.

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.

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

Major in early childhood education: 72 credit hours, including three hours of art, three hours of literature, and 66 hours of education courses, plus three credit hours in oral communication.

Major in middle childhood education: 60 credit hours in education courses. Students also must fulfill 21-24 credit hours in concentration requirements.

Major in Montessori education: 39 hours of education courses, three hours of literature, and 24 hours of Ohio license requirements for the early childhood credential (pre-K and K-3) and elementary I credential (pre-K and K-3).

Major in teaching life sciences/secondary education: Courses include: 31 hours of education; 32 hours of biology and four hours of biology electives; eight hours of chemistry; and seven hours of physics.

Major in special education: 38 credit hours in specific education courses, maintaining a grade of “B.” Requirements also include 34-40 additional credit hours to fulfill a concentration area for licensing.

Students should review specific information about requirements, recommended class schedules and more for these majors. Also see the individual brochures for Early & Middle Childhood Education, Montessori Education, and Secondary & Special Education.