

New Visions: Teacher Education

The New Visions Teacher Education Program provides an opportunity for high school seniors to explore the many aspects of a career in education. This program emphasizes best practices in curriculum development, instructional designs, classroom management, and the impact of social and political decisions within our educational institutions. The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, in cooperation with its nine component school districts, will provide an inside look at educational issues while allowing students to learn the role of an educator within authentic classroom environments.

Students will work with teachers, school counselors, support staff, school social workers, and administrators as they complete rotations in areas of special interest. Under the guidance of instructional specialists, students will develop and implement lesson plans, collect classroom instructional data, and meet with educational policy makers at the local and state levels. As students explore educational careers, they will research postsecondary educational requirements while preparing college applications.

Qualifications

New Visions students should:

- be academically strong
- satisfy graduation requirements
- demonstrate an interest in the education field
- exhibit maturity, responsibility and ability to work both independently and in teams
- be prepared to engage in extensive reading assignments both in and out of the classroom
- be prepared to work extensively on writing skills through assigned written projects
- be prepared to participate in class discussions and presentations on a daily basis
- plan to attend college or pursue other post-secondary education

Personal transportation is preferred

Teacher Education Program Course of Study

Students will participate in fieldwork at various classroom sites. These practicum experiences will be designed for in depth study and will allow students to develop and implement lesson plans under the direct supervision of skilled educational professionals.

While working in the authentic settings of classrooms, professional seminars, and meetings, the New Visions Teacher Education Program will include the major study areas of:

- Creating and maintaining effective learning environments
- Using NYS Learning Standards to plan curriculum and instruction for diverse student populations
- Creating Cooperative Learning Models by developing methods and approaches to organize social interactions for learning in the classroom
- Analyzing styles for non-traditional populations
- Developing assessments for all learning styles
- Developing reflective writing skills by examining a variety of journal writing processes that engage students in both the expression and creation of thought
- Developing positive classroom management techniques
- Studying how to effectively create good communication between school and home
- Exploring how the decision making and budgetary processes of educational systems are designed
- Examining political and economic functions of government

What is a Professional Studies Program?

A Professional Studies Program is a total immersion approach to education that integrates English, Government, Economics and Career Exploration into one program of study. The program places high school seniors in the actual working environment of their preferred career areas.

Advantages

The New Visions program supplements the final year of high school for talented and motivated students allowing them to experience a variety of educational fields. A portion of the students' morning is spent at their component high school attending chosen classes. Students then arrive at their designated New Visions site for their program from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to continue to participate in extracurricular activities at their home schools.

Students who complete this program will earn **three high school credits**:

English 12----- 1 Credit
Government 12----- ½ Credit
Economics 12 ----- ½ Credit
Elective Credit- Educational Psychology --- 1 Credit

While enrolled in New Visions Education, students have the opportunity to earn **nine college credits**:

Freshman English I (ENGL 101) -----3 Credits
Freshman English II (ENGL 102) -----3 Credits
Effective Speech, Public Address
(ENGL 221) -----3 Credits

Students will explore postsecondary school opportunities via college visits, speakers, and guidance from a wide variety of academic professionals.



Previous New Visions Teacher Education students have attended or are currently pursuing their education at the following colleges:

Cayuga Community College
Fordham College
Keuka College
LeMoyne College
Mercyhurst College
Nazereth College
Onondaga Community College
St. Bonaventure
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Oswego
Syracuse University
Tompkins Community College
University of Tampa



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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The object of teaching a child is to enable him to get along without his teacher."

-Elbert Hubbard

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