

Integrated Elementary and Special Education

Dual Certification Program (B.S.E.)



YEAR 1

YEARS 2 / 3

YEAR 4

Program Course and Clinical Experience



Getting to Know Your Students

Begin your study in education with four courses, two in the fall and two in the spring. **These four courses introduce you to the student learner, families, the teaching process and learning.**

Fall semester: CPSY 1001 Diverse Learners, Part I and EDST 1001 Introduction to Teaching.

Spring semester: CPSY 1002 Diverse Learners, Part II and EDST 4000 Child Curriculum and Development.

Content and Early Field

Complete content methods courses in elementary and special education: language arts, math, and social studies, learning disabilities, autism, intellectual disabilities, and assessment.

In conjunction with the methods courses, **complete 3 pre-clinical experiences.** Each experience is 60 hours and spans a range of settings to deepen your knowledge of learners and schooling contexts.

Explore **additional certification options, beyond elementary and special education, within your four-year program,** linked to your second major.

Theory to Practice: Year Long Internship

Complete remaining content methods courses in science and special education strategies.

Complete a year long clinical internship in the same classroom. You will spend 2 days a week in the fall semester and 5 days a week in the spring semester. Along with the full-time experience in the spring, **complete a senior seminar course that provides support for the translation of theory into practice.**

Advisement and Supports



Receive academic advisement from the Center for Academic Success and full-time education faculty.

Learn about second major options that can lead to additional teaching certificates.

Consider joining education associations and other clubs embracing learning and community, such as SNJEA (Student New Jersey Education Association), Best Buddies, American Sign Language and Deaf Culture, Disability, Awareness, and Accessibility at SHU, Languages and Cultures, SHU Inclusion Alliance and many more.

Receive academic advisement from your designated full-time education faculty member and the advisor from your selected second major.

Receive feedback and support from your clinical supervisor in your three pre-clinical experiences. The supervisor works as a member of the team including you and your cooperating teacher.

Receive academic and pre-professional advisement from your designated full-time faculty member and seminar content.

Receive in-depth feedback and support from your clinical supervisor throughout your full-time clinical internship. They are your first 'go to' person related to all things connected to the clinical experience.

The University's Career Center provides workshops and one-on-one guidance on resume and interview preparation.

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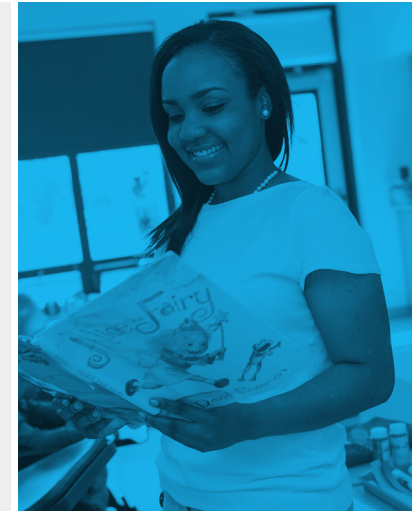
What can I do with this degree?



- Having earned two teaching certificates in elementary and special education, along with three pre-clinical experiences and a yearlong clinical internship, you are well-prepared for a position in a broad range of K-6 school settings.
- Pursuing a second major with education allows you to earn additional certificates in middle school or K-12 teaching, broadening your options.
- Having a second major may offer you career opportunities in fields connected to English, math, history, etc.
- The knowledge and skillset you develop as an education major provides you with a foundation in other fields including counseling, school library media specialists, marketing, management, technical writing, human resources, grant writing, government policy and more.

BONUS SKILLS

- **Critical thinking and problem solving**
- **Advanced and detailed planning**
- **Goal and objective setting and assessment**
- **Flexibility, able to seize the moment for an opportunity**
- **Community building, management, and leadership**
- **Reflective thinking with a goal of continuous improvement**



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