

# Adolescent to Young Adult or P-12 Specialty Programs



## PROFESSION

Ohio's Adolescent to Young Adult (AYA) or P-12 Specialty teachers expand students' educations by delving deeper into subjects taught in elementary, middle and secondary schools, and introducing them to more information about the world. P-12 specialty program teachers specialize in the following areas: dance, drama/theatre, foreign languages, music, physical education and visual arts.

While teaching tools vary by school districts, most use films, slides, overhead projectors and the latest technologies, including computers, telecommunication systems and laser discs to aid in lessons.

Because of the increased use of technology in the classroom, multi-age educators must be computer savvy. Computer resources, such as educational software and the Internet, expose students to a wide range of information and promotes interactive learning — not only with fellow classmates — but also with students nationwide and around the world. In addition, computers are used for re-search projects and information gathering.

A teacher's job does not end when the final bell rings. After hours, there are papers and tests to grade, report cards to prepare, lesson plans to prepare, parents to meet and staff meetings to attend.

## JOB OUTLOOK/SALARY

Teachers held about 3.1 million jobs in fall 2004, according to the Digest of Educational Statistics.

The federal government predicts job opportunities for teachers will be excellent in many parts of the country. Growing enrollments in the Southern and Western states — particularly Texas, Arizona and Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida — will create additional job openings.

The average base salary for all educators in the US was \$47,433 (2005-2006). The average entry-level starting salary for teaching is \$32,600.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THESE WEB SITES:

Department of Curricular and Instructional Studies:

<http://www.uakron.edu/colleges/educ/CIS/index.php>

College of Education: <http://www.uakron.edu/colleges/educ/>

The University of Akron: <http://www.uakron.edu>

Office of Admissions: <http://www.AkronAdvantage.com>

Honors College: <http://www3.uakron.edu/honors/>

## DEGREE PROGRAM AT UA

The University of Akron's Multi-Age Education program combines theory and practice to prepare you for licensure. You'll learn techniques to establish positive learning environments as you learn how to plan, implement and evaluate instructional programs for your students.

The central theme of The University of Akron's Teacher Education Program is "Educator as Decision-Maker." Because the complexity of teaching is increasing and the professional knowledge base is growing, the most important skill a future teacher can have is the ability to make good decisions.

In addition, the programs housed within the College of Education are organized around the core components of Knowledge, Technology, Diversity and Ethics. Students begin with a foundation of general studies. Once admitted, students then begin coursework that focuses on the specific knowledge, skills and dispositions expected within the specific fields of study.

## REAL CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

You will participate in at least 100 hours of field-based experiences prior to student teaching. These field-based experiences are designed to provide you with the opportunity to apply theory and skills related to your education. They are planned so that students obtain experiences in a variety of diverse settings.

The culminating experience for teacher-education students is student teaching. Under the supervision of College of Education faculty and a classroom teacher, you will put newly developed competencies into practice in the school setting.

In addition, you are required to complete one teaching field. You may choose from dance, drama/theatre, foreign languages, music, physical education and visual arts. You also have the option to add a reading or Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) endorsement to your program.

The University of Akron's College of Education has had full NCATE accreditation since 1954. Our faculty, advisers and staff are enthusiastic and innovative. Faculty and students work together in courses, field experiences and organizations.

## AKRON ADVANTAGE

The College of Education offers a variety of resources for its students. The college operates seven centers. These centers include the Literacy Center, the Center for Child Development and the Center for Urban Education. In addition, the college is involved in more than 40 collaborative arrangements with state and local organizations and agencies.

Classroom education is augmented by our many student organizations, including the Akron Council of Education Students (ACES) and the Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC).

## HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High school students considering the Multi-Age Education program at The University of Akron are encouraged to follow the college prep curriculum while in high school. This includes four years of English, three years each of math, natural science and social science, and two years of foreign languages. Clear, concise writing

skills also are imperative. If you have not completed the recommended courses, you may be required to take University courses to meet the basic criteria.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

You may already know that The University of Akron is the public research university for Northern Ohio. But we're much more than labs and lasers.

Our 24,700 students choose from approximately 300 academic programs and areas of study, from accounting to zoology. Many of our undergraduate programs have gained national recognition, including psychology, sales and marketing, dance, global business and gerontological nursing.

About 7,000 students live in our 12 residence halls or just a short walk from campus. When they aren't hitting the books, thousands take advantage of the University's fraternities, sororities and more than 200 student organizations, from gospel choir and alpine skiing to career-building professional and academic societies. We also offer 17 intramural sports and clubs, from bowling to cardio kickboxing.

The University's ongoing, major campus renovation campaign that began in 2000, the "New Landscape for Learning," has added 11 new structures, including two classroom buildings, as well as 30 acres of green space and numerous additions. This transformation continues today — UA's first on-campus football stadium is scheduled to be completed in time for the Zips' 2009 home opener.

Here's more of what you'll find at the new UA:

- Student Recreation and Wellness Center, a massive structure with ball courts, fitness facilities, rock climbing wall and a recreational pool that includes a 30-seat spa, "lazy river" and fountain.
- The Student Union, containing a movie theatre, billiards/bowling room, food court, Starbucks, bookstore and headquarters for student organizations.

- Honors Complex with combination residence hall and academic facilities.

- Gardens, lawns, amphitheatre and tree-lined pathways.

You'll also discover a campus retooled for your academic success. We are Ohio's most wired-for-wireless public university, and can provide you reduced-rate, high-speed Internet access off campus.

## ADMISSION INFORMATION

The Office of Admissions  
330-972-7100 or 800-655-4884  
<mailto:admissions@uakron.edu>  
<http://www.uakron.edu/admissions/>  
<http://www.AkronAdvantage.com>

*Job statistics and information provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

## Sample Curriculum

### Bachelor of Science Degree in Adolescent to Young Adult (AYA) or P-12 Specialty

**Note:** Four-year completion may/may not be feasible based upon course availability, enrollment in every University-scheduled term and student availability to take courses when offered.

First year:		Third year:	
English Composition I, II	7	Instructional Technology Applications	3
Introduction to Public Speaking		Educational Implementation	3
<b>OR</b>		Special Topics: Reading for	
Effective Oral Communications	3	P-12 Multi-age Programs	3
Natural Science requirements	5	Exploratory Experience	3
Social Science requirement	3	Area Studies requirement	4
Mathematics requirement	3	Humanities requirement	6
Physical Education/Wellness	1	Social Science requirement	3
Teaching area courses*	12-15	Teaching area courses*	7-10
<b>Total</b>	<b>34-37</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>32-35</b>
Second year:		Fourth year:	
Humanities in Western Tradition I	4	Natural Science requirement	3
Introduction to Education	3	Student Teaching	8
Educational Psychology	3	Student Teaching Colloquium	1
Orientation to AYA/P-12/Multi-Age Programs	0	Teaching area courses*	16-21
Educational Planning	3	<b>Total</b>	<b>28-33</b>
Equity & Excellence	3		
Introduction to Exceptionalities	3	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>133-147</b>
Instructional Techniques	5		
Teaching area courses*	15-18		
<b>Total</b>	<b>39-42</b>		

*\*Teaching area course credits may vary, based on the area of concentration chosen by student for program.*