“My education classes at Niagara had me going into school classrooms starting freshman year. They give you a choice of grade levels and schools and match you with teachers in your certification areas. I was able to obtain placements in inner-city schools, which puts me on the path to reaching my goal of becoming a principal at an urban middle or high school.”

GARY DAMON, SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR FROM BUFFALO WHO STARTED HIS FIRST FULL-TIME JOB FOUR DAYS AFTER GRADUATING IN MAY 2007
A university that has it all. A lot of colleges offer education programs, and you want to choose one that offers you the most. At Niagara University, education majors benefit from:

- **EXPERIENCE** in school classrooms, starting freshman year, a distinct Niagara advantage.
- **STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES**, including interactive technologies such as SMART Board and Interwrite™ interactive whiteboards in the new Academic Complex, which houses the College of Education.
- **A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM** that was one of the first in the state to be accredited by NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education). We are also the only university in New York to be accredited in both the United States and Canada.
- **COMPREHENSIVE JOB PREPARATION**, with up to 99 percent of our graduates passing the New York state teaching certification exams.

Among Niagara’s Class of 2005, 93 percent of education majors were employed and 77 percent were attending graduate school within six months of graduation.
Building your future. Niagara’s College of Education has a new home: the state-of-the-art Academic Complex, which opened in fall 2007.

It features the latest in instructional resources, including model Pre-K–12 classrooms, interactive teaching labs, and diagnostic observation rooms that feature clinical studios where students tutor children and observe their learning styles. There’s also a family literacy center that affords students opportunities to tutor community members, from young children to adults, in literacy. In addition, Niagara’s main library houses a curriculum room and teaching studio stocked with educational books, videos, and magazines, plus teaching materials from stencils and construction paper to laminating machines and computers with instructional software.

At Niagara, all education majors create portfolios showcasing their undergraduate...
Creative and Innovative Learning

At Niagara, there’s more to college than classroom lectures. We encourage students to be active participants in their education by offering experiences such as:

- **Preservice Field Experiences.** Our students gain 150 hours of classroom experience in local schools before student teaching begins. Students are exposed to a diversity of grade levels, learning styles, and school settings. Placements are in a structured educational environment and coordinated through Niagara’s Learn and Serve office.

- **Customized Student Teaching.** We ask students their preferences and place them in schools and classrooms that will give them diverse opportunities and help them achieve their career goals.

- **Active, Integrated Learning.** Education majors, for instance, recently developed lesson plans for local teachers who brought their classes to an exhibit on the Underground Railroad in the campus’s Castellani Art Museum.

- **Extracurricular Activities.** Education majors participate in NUFTA (Niagara University Future Teachers Association), which sponsors professional development for future teachers.

- **Study Abroad.** In addition to programs for education majors in Belgium, Germany, Thailand, and the Netherlands, Niagara offers 80 study-abroad experiences in 30 countries through our membership in the Consortium for International Studies.

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Niagara’s new literacy minor responds directly to the needs of U.S. schools, which are searching for teachers who can reach struggling readers and embed literacy into every content area they teach. This 18-credit minor allows pre-service teacher candidates to gain the skills they need to teach reading and writing across the curriculum.
Professors who know the ropes. At Niagara, you will learn from highly qualified and experienced faculty who stay current with today’s teaching trends and challenges by remaining active in local schools.

Consider just a few of our instructors:

**DR. ROBIN ERWIN**, a literacy professor who is active in the national College Reading Association and is an invited member of an international literacy delegation.

**DR. ALICE KOZEN**, a professor of special education who serves on the Early Childhood Special Education Project, a joint program of the New York State Health Department and United Cerebral Palsy of New York State. She has been published in many professional journals, including Education and Training in Developmental Disabilities.

**DR. PAUL VERMETTE**, a professor of teacher education who has published three books plus the upcoming “Teaching Teens as if They Mattered.” Dr. Vermette was awarded the New York State Award for Teacher Education in 2007.

**DR. JINYAN HUANG**, who has been teaching English as a Second Language for more than 10 years in both North America and China. His research has been published in the Canadian and International Education Journal and Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

For 2005-2006, *Niagara education majors’ pass rates on the New York state*
Niagara University: Just the Facts

**STATUS:** Niagara University is a private, Catholic coeducational liberal arts university founded in 1856 by the Vincentian community.

**ENROLLMENT:** More than 2,900 undergraduates and 900 graduate students.

**AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:** Approximately 25

**STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO:** 14:1

**FACULTY:** More than 95 percent of Niagara professors have earned the highest degrees in their fields.

**ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT:** Established honors and study-abroad programs, active internship and co-op programs, and opportunities to conduct research either individually or with a faculty member.

**RECOGNITIONS:** U.S. News and World Report ranks Niagara University in the category “Best University-Master’s” in the North. The Princeton Review chose Niagara as one of its select colleges and universities in the Northeast (see our profile in the 2008 edition of “The Best Northeastern Colleges”). The university is also one of only approximately 250 institutions nationwide selected as a member of the Colleges of Distinction.

**CAMPUS:** 160 acres in suburban Lewiston, N.Y., four minutes from scenic Niagara Falls, 20 minutes from Buffalo, and an hour and a half from Toronto.

**STUDENT LIFE:** 80+ student clubs, including student government and Greek organizations, plus a very active intramural sports program and a student-run Campus Programming Board.

**STUDENT HOUSING:** On-campus housing is available for all four years in our traditional residence halls or student apartment complexes.

**ATHLETICS:** Niagara fields eight men’s and nine women’s varsity NCAA Division I sports teams that compete in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and the College Hockey America conference. We also offer very active club and intramural sports programs.

*teacher certification exams were 99% (LAST) and 100% (ATS-W).*
When they graduate, Niagara education students have significant field experience with the most effective tools being used in classrooms today. This enables students to land jobs quickly and hit the ground running.

Learn more about how Niagara’s College of Education can make a difference in your college experience.