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Education That Makes a Difference
Niagara University, recognized nationally for its academic excellence and commitment to the community, is also a leader in graduate education. Niagara offers a wide variety of graduate-level programs, including business, finance, education, counseling, school psychology, criminal justice, and sport management, to name a few.

Niagara’s graduate programs feature a combination of engaging coursework and hands-on learning. Through the challenging curriculum individuals are taught by highly credentialed faculty. Students expand their knowledge through field experiences, internships, community projects and research. The NU approach to learning prepares individuals to excel in their career and to be change leaders in their chosen field.

Niagara’s graduate programs are delivered through convenient models with evening, weekend and online courses available. Through Niagara’s innovative approach, each of the programs is designed to be accessible and meet the schedule demands of today’s working professionals.

And as a Catholic and Vincentian university, students in each program are inspired to be reflective practitioners, and they are equipped for positions of responsibility in their chosen profession and in the broader society.
Master of Business Administration

Ranked among the world’s best by CEO Magazine and accredited by AACSB International, the Niagara University MBA provides an exceptional learning experience and superior professional outcomes for students. Classes are offered evenings and Saturdays so that the MBA may be completed on a part-time or full-time basis. Each student meets regularly with an advisor to design a personalized program so that the unique goals of each individual student are met. Faculty are world-class scholars and seasoned executives who infuse classes with best business practices and the latest industry applications. A breathtaking campus and award-winning facilities ensure a superior learning environment with extraordinary opportunities for growth.

The MBA program infuses active and integrative learning by engaging students in real-world case studies and interactive projects. Key learning outcomes include excellence in communication, leadership and analytical decision-making with a global perspective.

MBA Concentrations

- Accounting
- Finance
- Financial Planning
- General Management
- Healthcare Administration
- Human Resource Management
- International Management
- Strategic Management
- Strategic Marketing Management
- Strategic Wealth Management

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Niagara University’s College of Business Administration is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, demonstrating its commitment to quality and continuous improvements through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review.
Niagara University’s M.S. in finance provides students with a rigorous, advanced course of study in the areas of corporate finance, investments and financial planning.

Offered through Niagara’s College of Business Administration, the program is designed not only for individuals with a background in finance, but also students from quantitative disciplines such as the sciences and engineering, students interested in obtaining the CFA charter, or international students interested in studying in the U.S. The program is also ideal for working professionals in the fields of banking, finance, investment management, and consulting, or any professional looking to add relevant financial analysis skills.

The course content in the CFA track is intended for careers in financial and investment management for institutions, and prepares students to pursue the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) program. And as a result of Niagara University’s achievement as a recognized education provider by the CFP Board of Standards, students are eligible to sit for the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) exam.

Offered through Niagara University’s AACSB-accredited College of Business Administration, the MHA degree provides students with the skills and knowledge necessary to work as administrators in a variety of healthcare settings. Reflecting the increasing focus on illness avoidance, the program uses a multidisciplinary approach, incorporating courses from both the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Nursing. The curriculum contains three modules: the business core, the analytics core and the population health core. The program also has a strong experiential component meant to enhance the skills and knowledge of healthcare professionals. In addition to a practicum, students also complete 24 hours of service with a community health organization, reflecting Niagara University’s Vincentian mission and providing the student with valuable experience in population health management.

**NEW**

**M.S. in Finance**

**NEW**

**Master of Healthcare Administration**

Niagara’s Graduate Student Council serves the graduate student community by promoting and advocating for graduate students, as well as providing a variety of networking activities and programs to bring the graduate community together.

**11:1** Graduate student-to-faculty ratio
Education Programs

The College of Education at Niagara University prepares the highest quality teachers and leaders in education, counseling and human services to become professionals who are immediately successful in the school, agency and human services environments. Our programs are led by a community of scholars dedicated to promoting research and practice that enriches the knowledge, understanding, and development of teaching and leadership skills. Our programs are nationally and internationally accredited, ensuring high standards that match the expectations of the respective professions.

Graduate Education Programs
• Early Childhood and Childhood Education
• Middle Childhood and Adolescence Education
• Literacy Instruction
• Special Education (Online)
• Early Childhood and Special Education
• TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
• Educational Leadership (Online)

Ontario Programs
• Teacher’s College/Bachelor’s of Professional Studies
• Educational Leadership
• Additional Qualifications Courses (Online)

NEW
Developmental Disabilities — Online

Niagara’s Developmental Disabilities program is designed to prepare direct care professionals, advocates, administrators and policy makers to be leaders in community-based or government agencies. The program is offered completely online, making it attractive to those working in the industry locally, nationally and internationally.

This degree provides professionals from many different disciplines such as nursing and education with requisite skills to work as effective leaders and advance the field.
The Niagara University Ph.D. Program in Leadership and Policy prepares scholars to become effective leaders in shaping, implementing and evaluating policy in international, cross-disciplinary and diverse contexts. The program is designed for candidates who have evidence of scholarly work and who are established leaders.

The Ph.D. program is designed for full-time working professionals, and it is focused on two key components: the leadership and policy study core and the research study core. Candidates work in a cohort setting, but also have the opportunity to work individually toward their dissertation topic.

Comprehensive clinical practice which links theory to practice across the professions — leading to an outstanding record of employment and success in careers.

Exemplary partnerships across the professions, connecting the university graduate program to leadership within the professions and communities they serve.
Mental Health Counseling

Niagara University’s counseling and clinical graduate programs deliver the education and training that is needed to succeed in today’s competitive market. Niagara University’s popular Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program was the first in New York State and is open to Canadian and all international students. CMHC graduates work in in-patient and out-patient settings with a job placement rate above 90 percent. The program qualifies students for New York State Licensure — Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC). Individuals can also apply for national certification as a professional counselor (NCC) and as a certified clinical mental health counselor (CCMHC).

School Counseling

The School Counseling program educates graduate students to become school counselors at the elementary, middle and secondary level. Through comprehensive field work, students are prepared to focus on the needs of all students in their academic, career and personal/social development.

School Psychology

School psychology students are thoroughly trained in both psychology and education. This program is accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and includes specialized preparation in mental health, child development, school organization, learning theory and behavioral sciences. School psychologists are certified in New York state and the profession is currently ranked
No. 14 of the top 100 jobs and No. 1 in social service jobs in the United States, according to U.S. News and World Report.

**Bridge Program:**

**Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

The CAS/Bridge program in clinical mental health counseling is designed for individuals with a master’s degree in a related field (school counseling, school psychology, counseling psychology, etc.) who are interested in pursuing mental health counseling licensure. The CAS/Bridge program in clinical mental health counseling will satisfy New York State’s regulations for licensure and will prepare students to take the Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination for licensure in New York State.

**New 4+2 Dual Degree**

Niagara University’s College of Education and College of Arts and Sciences offer a new dual-degree program designed to train the next generation of mental health practitioners. The 4+2 program allows individuals pursuing a Niagara University bachelor’s degree in psychology to take graduate courses in clinical mental health counseling during their senior year, thereby accelerating their progress through the master’s program. Graduates of the dual-degree (4+2) program will possess a B.A. in psychology and an M.S. in clinical mental health counseling.
Criminal Justice

Niagara University’s graduate program in criminal justice administration prepares individuals for leadership positions in a wide range of fields within the criminal justice profession. Because the university is situated on the border of the United States and Canada, courses offer students an international perspective in the field. The faculty in the criminal justice program is highly credentialed and accessible to students in the program.

Through practical experience and critical research, faculty integrate management and administration techniques, analytical and communication skills, decision-making abilities and professional ethics into the curriculum. Students’ powers of discrimination and judgment are enhanced, preparing them to function effectively in any organizational environment. The program is designed to equip students to anticipate, address and correct problems faced in the criminal justice professions in an efficient, effective and ethical manner.

Research conducted by criminal justice faculty includes imprisonment policies and their effects on crime rates, probation absconders in Erie County and the relationship between religiosity and delinquency and drug use.

Alumni from Niagara’s criminal justice program are working for the F.B.I., the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Department of Homeland Security.
Niagara University’s Master of Arts: Interdisciplinary Studies provides recent graduates and mid-career professionals an opportunity to improve their credentials or to engage in a particular topic of study relevant to their profession. Courses in grant writing, fundraising and organizational development provide working individuals in the nonprofit sector the tools to advance their career.

The program allows students to design a graduate curriculum that suits their goals and interests. The diverse mix of courses, from methodological seminars to thematic courses, independent studies to internships enable students to self-design an innovative curriculum that crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries, often to answer a specific question or to address a theme of interest to the student.

Transfer credit options allow individuals to complete a master’s degree they may have previously started.

The innovative program allows students to construct a customized curriculum to address a theme of interest to the student.
The M.S. in Sport Management is a focused, yet flexible, graduate program designed to meet the needs of today’s graduate student, while developing skilled professionals for management in all areas of the sport industry.

Building on Niagara’s strong undergraduate sport management program, students will work alongside industry professionals while learning from engaging full-time faculty. Offering an internship or a thesis track, students may select the format that best fits their abilities and accommodates their future interests in sport. The rigorous curriculum and experiential learning requirements are specifically designed to provide students with the skills necessary to be successful in a broad range of sport industry opportunities, or move on to further study.
Certificate Programs

In addition to its excellent and extensive graduate and undergraduate offerings, Niagara University also offers a number of certificate programs, each designed to allow individuals to grow personally and professionally.

Each of these programs provides critical career development for individuals, and enhances their professional knowledge and skills. By earning a certificate in a specific discipline, working professionals gain an edge in their career, and are better prepared to meet the diverse and changing needs in today's work environment.

Niagara University Certificate Programs
• Annotation in Severe Multiple Disabilities
• Certified Financial Planner
• Clinical Mental Health Counseling
• School Counseling
• Special Education, 1-6 Online
• Special Education, 7-12 Online
• School District Business Leader Online
• School District Leader Online
• School Building Leader Online
• TESOL
• Teacher Leader

The Certificate in Financial Planning program allows individuals to obtain the educational courses needed in order to qualify for the Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) exam.

The certificate programs at Niagara University are delivered in convenient formats, with online options available, and for most programs can be completed in one year.
For program information or to apply to Niagara University

For more information about Niagara’s University’s highly acclaimed graduate programs, contact Evan Pierce, associate director of graduate studies, at epierce@niagara.edu or 716.286.8327.
Financial Aid and Scholarships

Niagara University currently offers more than 60 different assistantships, scholarships, awards, and campus employment opportunities for well-qualified students matriculated in one of NU’s graduate degree programs. Graduate positions give students the opportunity to become engaged in the campus community, contribute to an individual office, and develop personally and professionally while pursuing an advanced degree. Opportunities for Niagara University graduate students may include paid positions, stipends or scholarships.

U.S. citizens may apply for financial aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Canadian citizens may apply for financial assistance through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) at osap.gov.on.ca. In addition, all graduate students must submit the graduate financial aid application available online at www.niagara.edu/fa-grad-students/.

Veteran Students

Niagara University has a long history of honoring and supporting individuals who have served in our nation’s armed forces. Since its earliest days, countless numbers of soldiers and veterans have attended Niagara, enriching the campus and transforming the lives of others.

Niagara University continues to support veteran students through the G.I. Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program. Niagara also provides a number of key benefits for veteran students, including a private veteran lounge, a dedicated veterans coordinator to help incoming veterans transition to Niagara University and an active Students Veterans Organization to assist veterans at Niagara University.

For more information on our veterans benefits available at Niagara University, please contact Robert Healy, NU’s veteran services coordinator, at 716.286.8341 or rhealy@niagara.edu.

International Students

Situated on the border of the United States and Canada, Niagara University offers international graduate students the opportunity to work and study at a diverse and enriching institution. In fact, 30 percent of Niagara’s graduate students come from Canada and other countries, providing a world perspective to each of the programs of study.

The university’s location provides students with the opportunity to study in a state-of-the-art institution, and connect to major cities in the northeastern U.S. Niagara is located just over 80 miles from Toronto, Ontario, the fourth-largest city in North America, and minutes from Buffalo, N.Y., a major U.S. city that is re-emerging through its commercial development, arts and entertainment, and expanding recreation culture.

A rich Catholic heritage enriches every aspect of Niagara University, benefiting the personal and professional development of all students. Individuals become reflective practitioners in their careers, and they are equipped to continue to grow into positions of responsibility in their profession and in the broader society.
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