

Schools trust the Providence College Secondary Education Program to prepare the teachers of tomorrow. For years, the program — accredited by the Rhode Island Department of Education — has trained students with a passion for teaching to lead science, foreign language, language arts, history, and math classrooms in high schools throughout the country. In many ways, as a PC secondary education student, you'll enjoy the best of both worlds. You'll have the opportunity to study a field of knowledge in great depth and to develop professional skills that allow you to put that knowledge to work. In other words, a transformational educational experience that makes you employable.

Secondary Education Programs

Preparation for a teaching career requires: (1) a background of general education, (2) specialization in the subject area, and (3) study in the field of education. The subject areas in which students may be certified include:

- biology/secondary education (B.S.)
- biology/secondary education (B.A.)
- chemistry/secondary education
- English/secondary education
- foreign language/secondary education (French, Italian, or Spanish)
- history/secondary education (eligible for R.I. certification in social studies)
- mathematics/secondary education
- physics/secondary education

Students preparing for the teaching profession must complete a subject area major in addition to the teacher preparation program. Prospective secondary education students must participate in a formal admissions process to the program either second semester of the sophomore year or first semester of the junior year.



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of Study
and More





PEOPLE AND PLACES

Our program offers students a number of opportunities to put knowledge learned in the classroom into action. Our students participate in field experiences — prior to student-teaching — that provide opportunities to interact with middle and high school students in a variety of schools and classrooms, student-teach in middle and high schools across southern New England, complement their coursework by getting involved in clubs, honor societies, and service initiatives, and study abroad in dozens of locations and programs.

Our secondary education faculty members consistently present at conferences across the country, have scholarly papers published, and have expertise in several secondary education areas. Our discipline-specific faculty are mathematicians, scientists, linguists, historians, and literary experts. Our secondary education faculty come from diverse backgrounds and hold degrees from the universities of California, Connecticut, Massachusetts (Amherst), North Carolina, and Wisconsin.

Selected Places of Employment

Apple
Teach for America
Bright Horizons Family Solutions
UP Education Network
Elementary schools throughout the U.S.

Selected Graduate Schools

Boston College • Lesley University • St. Joseph's University
Boston University • Manhattanville College
University of Connecticut • Columbia University
Mercy College • University of Dayton • Endicott College
Merrimack College • University of Massachusetts Boston
Fordham University • Michigan State University
University of Pennsylvania • George Washington University
Northeastern University • Johns Hopkins University
Vanderbilt University's Peabody College

88%

of education graduates are employed or attending graduate school

(Providence College classes of 2018 – 2022)

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