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The College of Education in collaboration with the Colleges of Arts and Humanities, Sciences and Health Professions (known as the Profes- sional Education Unit-P.E.U.) are committed to the belief that the preparation of its candidates is a shared responsibility with the P-12 public schools. Together with P-12 partners, in a continuous performance-based learning environment, the P.E.U. has adopted a vision of: teaching for continuous learning and performance-based preparation for all professional educators. As such, the P.E.U. operates from the process of teach- ing for continuous learning and performance based preparation for preparing its candidates as reflective, technologically competent and culturally responsive practitioners who are skilled professional educators (i.e., teachers and other school personnel) to meet the need of all P-12 learners. To achieve this, the P.E.U. faculty nurtures these core values which under-gird the curricula, instructions and professional development/dispo- sitions of all candidates. Hence, these core values and their related processes/indicators are the cornerstones for preparing candidates who are capable of positively impacting the achievement of all P-12 learners.

The Leadership Team, referred to as the College of Education Cabinet, coordinates the policies, operations and development of Teacher Edu- cation programs. The following programs are offered:

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| **Major/Teaching Area** Early Childhood Education Health and Physical Education Middle Grades Education Music Education  Science Education  Special Education – General Curriculum  Special Education – General Curriculum | **Teaching Grades**  P-5  P-12  4-8  9-12  7-12  P-5  4-12 | **Degree**  Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science |
| **Major/Non-Teaching Area** Health, Physical Education and Recreation |  | **Degree**  Bachelor of Science |

**ACCREDITATION**

Teacher Education programs are accredited by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Albany State University is fully accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 – Telephone number 404.679-4501) to award Bachelor’s, Master’s and Education Specialist degrees.

**CERTIFICATION**

All Teacher Education programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Upon completing an approved program and with the recommendation of the College of Education, graduates receive State of Georgia Level-4 certification as teachers, the basic credential for teaching in the public school in Georgia. Please note that the approved programs are designed to meet Georgia certification, and that certi- fication requirements of the State of Georgia do change, producing changes in the requirements of the approved programs. Students must com- ply with all changes for degree requirements if the changes impact certification. All Teacher Education students who plan to teach should file applications for Teacher Certification during the first semester of Student Teaching.

**TEACHER EDUCATION GOVERNANCE AND CURRICULA**

The College of Education is the University’s Teacher Education Unit. All Teacher Education Programs of all departments of Albany State Uni- versity are governed by the policies listed in this section. The Dean of the College for Education is the Official Certification Officer for Teacher Education, with the aid of the College of Education Cabinet.

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