



Isabelle Farrington College of Education

5TH YEAR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Five Year Program at the Isabelle Farrington College of Education of Sacred Heart University is designed for undergraduates who plan to achieve initial certification as an elementary or secondary teacher. Undergraduates apply for admission to the Graduate Education Program in fall of their sophomore year. Candidates begin taking professional education courses in their junior year; complete seven Education courses prior to satisfying the BA/ BS requirements; and complete the initial certification requirements along with the requirements for the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree during their fifth year. During the fifth year, candidates may also serve as interns in public schools for 180 days. This internship includes a benefit equal to the tuition cost of 33 graduate credits. The clinical requirement of student teaching is accomplished during 50 of those internship days.



The Isabelle Farrington College of Education at Sacred Heart University engages in preparing men and women to live in and make their contributions to the human community.

MRS. ISABELLE FARRINGTON

TEACHER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Candidates gain valuable experience through our Internship Program in which we partner with numerous school districts in the local area.

- Students serve as full time interns for two public school semesters during their fifth year of graduate studies
- Cost of 33 credits of graduate tuition is applied to the candidate's Sacred Heart University student account. Full graduate component of the program is 39 credits
- 10 weeks are dedicated to student teaching which satisfies the clinical requirement

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Program must be completed at Sacred Heart University
- Candidates must complete 3 Credits of American History (e.g. HI 221 or HI 222)
- Prospective Elementary Teachers must complete Adolescent Psych (e.g. PS 273)
- Prospective Secondary Teachers must major in the content area for which they intend to teach.
Some content areas require additional support courses. Contact your education advisor for more information.

Sacred Heart University

- SHU is the second-largest Catholic university in New England with over 6,000 in attendance.
- *The Princeton Review* includes SHU among the *Best 368 Colleges*; while *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges* ranks SHU in the top tier of Master's Universities in the North in its annual college rankings.
- Sacred Heart University is set on 65 acres in suburban Fairfield, Connecticut, ranked in the top places to live in the Northeast and #9 in the country in *Money* magazine's 2006 list of "Best Places to Live." Fairfield is 90 minutes from Manhattan and 150 minutes from Boston.

Admissions Information:

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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

All applications must be completed by **November 1st** of the candidate's sophomore year

1. Complete the Online Graduate Application form at http://www.sacredheart.edu/pages/3044_apply_online.cfm
2. Send official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended (a Transcript Request form will be provided once the completed application form is submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions)
3. Passing Praxis I Scores or Official Waiver :

Passing Scores:

- Reading- 172, Writing- 171, Math- 171
- *Praxis* computer-based tests are offered Monday through Friday by appointment. To find a testing center nearest you please visit: <http://etsis4.ets.org/tcenter/tcenter.jsp>

Official Waiver:

- Candidates will qualify for an official Praxis waiver if they earned a combined Verbal and Math score of 1100 or higher on the SAT or no less than 22 in English and 19 in Math on the ACT
 - Send waiver application and scores to State of Connecticut Department of Education
http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/cert/Certform/ed_192.pdf
 - *Documents may require more than 5 weeks to be received*
4. An essay explaining your reasons for entering the teaching profession
 5. Two letters of recommendation by individuals who can attest to your potential as a future teacher
 6. Schedule an appointment with a faculty advisor to complete a preliminary plan of study by calling 203-371-7808

TIMELINE

Freshman Year

- Attend information sessions
- Commit to / declare a major
- Begin application preparation (work with grad admission department)
- Register for Praxis I exam or start Praxis waiver process. It may take more than five weeks for the university to receive Praxis I test results / waiver

Junior Year

- Plan to complete four ED courses (program is the same for elementary and secondary candidates).
- Candidates engaged in semester abroad programs should modify senior year to 2 courses in fall and 3 courses in spring.

5th year

- Begin MAT course work in Summer I after graduation
- Begin Internship placement in August
- Student teaching begins in January
- MAT commencement is in May

Sophomore Year

- Complete all application materials by November 1
- Plan of study interviews and admission review interviews may require advance scheduling of 3-6 weeks.
- Plan to register for Education (ED) courses in spring of sophomore year (to begin course work Fall of junior year)

Senior Year

- Three ED courses planned for this year.
- Candidate must meet with advisor to complete application for internship, application for student teaching and plan MAT concentration and course selection

**For more information,
please contact:**

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Degree Requirements:

- ✓ Maintain a 2.75 overall GPA as undergraduates and a 3.0 GPA as Graduate candidates
- ✓ Complete all BA/BS requirements before entering Graduate education courses
- ✓ Complete all general education and statutory course requirements prior to beginning graduate courses
- ✓ Complete all 10 prerequisite professional education courses prior to entry to student teaching
- ✓ Complete internship application materials in January of senior year
- ✓ Complete student teaching application in January of senior year
- ✓ Plan Praxis II test for spring 5th year
- ✓ Complete application for MAT graduation by March of 5th year

