



GUIDE TO MAJORS AT YESHIVA: EDUCATION (SCW)

Choosing a major can be stressful, but it is important to understand that you can pursue almost any career regardless of which major you choose. While there are some exceptions, most entry-level positions simply require general transferable skills—those that can be learned in one setting and applied in another. Relevant experience through internships and activities is generally more important to employers than a major. It is best to choose an area that you find interesting and where you have the ability to do well.

What is the Education Major?

The education major uses course work and field experience to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and professional disposition that define the well prepared educator. It is a practice-oriented program at Yeshiva, focusing on teaching in urban settings. At Stern College for Women there are two tracks in the Education major: Elementary Education (EE) and Early Childhood Education (EC). In addition to fulfilling the Education major requirements, students must also complete the NYS requirements for Initial Teacher Certification including completing four training workshops: Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse; School Safety and Violence Prevention; DASA; Autism. Majors must also complete the exit exam at the level specified by NYS, the NYS Teacher Certification Exams (NYSTCE) including the Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST), the edTPA, Educating all Students Test (EAS) and the Content Specialty Test (CST) multi-subject.

What can I do with an Education Major?

Upon graduation, students holding initial state certification are eligible to become classroom teachers in both public and private schools, including yeshivot, however if they wish to obtain professional teacher certification they must complete their Master's Degree within 5 years of graduating undergraduate school. The program serves as a foundation for advanced study in preparation for a career as a teacher educator, curriculum developer, gifted or special education specialist, education journalist, or educational researcher. Many students often pursue graduate study while working as teachers. Additional career opportunities include:

Higher Education

- Admissions Counselor
- College Registrar
- Foreign Student Adviser

Social Services

- Activity Coordinator
- Camp Director
- Children's Services Coordinator
- Community Advocate Worker
- Coordinator, Arts Enrichment Program
- Education Advocate

- Government Official
- Human Rights Advocate
- Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
- Public Relations Officer
- Publishing Assistant
- Social Worker
- State Education Agency Official
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Writer / Author
- Women's interests organization worker
- YMCA / YWCA Counselor

Teaching

- Adult Education Teacher
- Early Childhood Teacher
- Education Consultant
- Head Start Program Teacher
- International Teacher
- Middle School Teacher (Grade 4-9)
- Tutor

Graduate Study Required

- Career Counselor
- College Professor
- Librarian / Information Science
- Principal
- Special Education Teacher
- Student Teacher Supervisor
- Superintendent

Skills and Abilities

Education majors gain exemplary communication skills through both creating a format for each lesson as well as effectively presenting the information. Students in this major learn to think clearly, convey information in an understandable format, and articulate ideas in person and on paper. Some of the additional skills and abilities cultivated through the Education major include:

Leadership/Management Skills

- Motivating students/people
- Initiating projects and idea
- Identifying problems and needs
- Identifying alternative courses of action
- Managing time, energy and resources effectively
- Analyzing group behavior
- Making commitments
- Teaching skills, concepts and principles

Artistic/Creative Skills

- Creative writing
- Conveying feelings and thoughts through body, face and voice
- Designing and/or using audio-visual aids

Communication/Writing Skills

- Writing effectively
- Persuading others
- Speaking effectively
- Using media formats to present ideas
- Identifying and communicating value judgments effectively
- Coordinating or directing others

Research/Analytical Skills

- Sorting data and objects
- Applying information creatively to solve specific problems
- Understanding and using organizational principles
- Developing new approaches to problems
- Breaking down principles into parts
- Reviewing large amounts of material and extracting essence
- Perceiving and defining cause and effect relationships

Additional Information

For students interested in Jewish Education please refer to the Jewish Studies Major Tip Sheet.

Also please be aware that Azrieli Graduate School of Education has two new Master's graduate programs: one for NYS Professional Certification in Childhood Education Grades 1-6 (must already hold NYS Initial Childhood Education Certification 1-6); and the second in NYS Teacher Initial/Professional Certification Program in Adolescence Education grades 7-12 with specializations in Biology, Chemistry, English, Hebrew, Mathematics, Physics, and Social Studies (must have majored in one of these disciplines in undergraduate school).