



Caldwell College

Mission Statement

Founded in 1939 by the Sisters of Saint Dominic, Caldwell College promotes intellectual, spiritual, and aesthetic growth to a diverse population and welcomes all cultures and faith traditions. Inspired by St. Dominic de Guzman and our Catholic heritage, we make a difference in the lives of our students and prepare them through the liberal arts and professional studies to think critically, pursue truth, and contribute to a just society.

Institutional Context

Caldwell College was incorporated on August 10, 1939, as an institution of higher learning for women under the laws of the State of New Jersey and empowered to grant degrees. There were students who completed student teaching in the first Caldwell College graduating class. Caldwell has maintained Middle States accreditation which was last reaffirmed in 2010. In November 1992, the New Jersey Board of Higher Education granted approval for the College to offer the Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction.

There are now four (4) Masters Degrees and seventeen (17) post graduate certification programs in Education. The undergraduate and post-baccalaureate programs include the following dual majors: art, biology, English, mathematics, music, social studies, or Spanish coupled with elementary or secondary education.

The goal of excellence is relevant to the Education Division and evidenced by our seeking accreditation from TEAC and creating a culture where faculty and students are immersed in reflection concerning subject matter knowledge, pedagogical knowledge and caring teaching. Caldwell College was awarded a 7-year accreditation to the Education Preparation Program in Fall 2013 from the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) now known as Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Students

Students are eligible for admission into the Education Division the first semester of their sophomore year. The admission process includes an interview, a writing sample, a letter of recommendation and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students must maintain this level of competency to remain in the program.

Students choose to be certified in Elementary or Secondary Education certification and have the choice to add additional endorsements for Middle School certification in a content area, Teacher of Students with Disabilities (TOSD), Teacher of Pre- School through Grade 3 (Pre K- 3) and Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization (Grades 5– 8). Students have the opportunity to enroll in a 5-year combined B.A./M.A. program and graduate with an MA in Curriculum & Instruction.

Future Goals

Caldwell College will become Caldwell University in July 2014, the same academic year the college hopes to launch its initial doctoral program in Educational Leadership.

Elementary K - 6 will also have the opportunity to select Psychology as the content area major. There is a plan to develop a 5-year interdisciplinary program with an MA in Applied Behavior Analysis.

Factors Relevant to the Report

Many graduates obtain full time positions in Private Schools, Parochial Schools or in other states that are not represented in this report. Some graduates enter graduate school immediately after graduation and are not accounted for in this report.