

Bloomfield College

Bloomfield College was founded in 1868 as a Presbyterian seminary. Today, Bloomfield College is an independent institution of higher education, historically related to the Presbyterian Church. It is a four year liberal arts and pre-professional institution attracting students from New Jersey's suburban and inner city neighborhoods and from many countries around the world. The College serves approximately 2,100 undergraduates per semester.

Bloomfield College has maintained a special mission, which recognizes the importance of preparing students to participate in a diverse society. The College is committed to enabling students with diverse learning needs and interests, and who primarily come from urban to realize their intellectual and personal goals. Programs of study are rooted in the liberal arts.

The curriculum is designed to provide students with a sound liberal arts foundation, together with the expertise they will need in their careers. Toward that purpose, the College is organized into seven academic divisions: Business and Computer Information Systems; Creative Arts and Technology; Humanities; Natural Science and Mathematics; Nursing; Social and Behavioral Sciences; and Education. The programs in each Division lead to either a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. We currently have one Master's program in Accounting.

The Bloomfield College Teacher Education Program began in 1995 with the commitment to prepare teacher candidates who plan to teach in urban schools. We are committed to preparing teachers to serve students from diverse backgrounds, cultures and communities. With our small class sizes, students are carefully guided and mentored by the Education and Liberal Arts faculty at each step of the program. Students have field experiences in public schools from the beginning of their program through student teaching, so that they can apply what they are learning in their classes to the practices in schools. As a prospective teacher, a student can choose from one of the following options depending upon the student's desired grade level and subject area. There are four (4) programs offered in our undergraduate level.

- Elementary and Early Childhood, which qualifies students to teach preschool through grade 3 and/or kindergarten through grade 6
- Elementary with Subject Matter Specialization, which qualifies students in grades preschool through middle or junior high school
- Special Education and Early Childhood/Elementary Education, which qualifies students to teach in preschool through grade 3, kindergarten through grade 6, and elementary with subject matter specialization for grades 5 through 8.
- Subject Area/Secondary, which qualifies students to teach high school in a specific academic discipline

Our accelerated Post Baccalaureate level program offers three traditional certification programs and two endorsement programs. The traditional programs prepare students to teach early childhood grades, elementary grades, elementary with subject matter, or secondary school. Our endorsement programs prepare teachers who are already in the field to teach preschool through third grade students and special education.