Mission Statement

The Art Education Program at the University of Vermont encompasses two main disciplines: art and education. As our students develop their passion and skills in art, they grow into accomplished artists and experienced teachers who can impart their love and knowledge for the arts to students of all ages. In addition, the Art Education Program provides the tools for our students to become thoughtful and critical thinkers engaged with the broader field of art education, who advocate for the arts beyond the classroom, and who understand the importance of providing diverse populations access to art education.

Admission to the Art Ed Program

Undergraduate students may declare their intention to be an Art Education major on their application to the University. Accepted students can check their advisor information online under the SIS program found on the registrar’s homepage.

Undeclared students and students changing majors need to be enrolled in the College of Education and Social Services (CESS) to become an Art Education major. To enroll, they should contact CESS Student Services Office To transfer into CESS, students must fill out an application online at: http://www.uvm.edu/~cess/?Page=forms/transfer.html.

While students may declare their intention to be art education majors and apply for that major, students must be reviewed to pass into the professional Licensure aspect of the program, which begins in the fall of junior year. A program review process will be conducted during the second semester of their sophomore year (for students transferring into the program or into the university, the time frame for the review will be determined by the Art Ed Director).

Criteria for passing licensure program review (2nd semester sophomore year):

- A 3.0 minimum GPA
- A strong portfolio of your own artwork
- A statement of your own intentions and beliefs regarding your choice of major and your development since beginning the program