



Education Programs: Know Before You Go

Academic & Professional Preparation at the University of Vermont



Dear Students and Family Members,

Welcome to UVM! As a parent of a recent graduate, I understand the significance of your upcoming college decision. I hope you will go into that process fully informed about the programs and experiences available. To help you gather information and compare, there are some quality indicators and questions I encourage you to ask. These are distinctions you might look for when making your decision.

Wishing you the best in your journey,

Kimberly Vannest, Department Chair, Professor, University Scholar



Program Quality Indicators

- ✓ Academically rigorous, community-engaged, and culturally responsive
- ✓ National accreditation
- ✓ Award-winning faculty
- ✓ Nationally recognized scholars
- ✓ Full range of majors, minors, certificates and accelerated master's programs
- ✓ Individually designed majors for students interested in education but not traditional PK-12 teaching
- ✓ Early and often field experiences with established community partners
- ✓ Teaching licensure reciprocity with other states

Did You Know? UVM Offers:

- ✓ Up to 900 hours of cumulative field experience and student teaching
- ✓ 15:1 student to faculty ratio in practicum courses
- ✓ 5:1 student to faculty supervision ratio in student teaching
- ✓ Holistic advising and comprehensive student support/enrichment services

Study Abroad Opportunities

- ✓ New Zealand
- ✓ Portugal (Azores Islands)
- ✓ Finland
- ✓ France
- ✓ Italy
- ✓ And many more through UVM's Office of International Education



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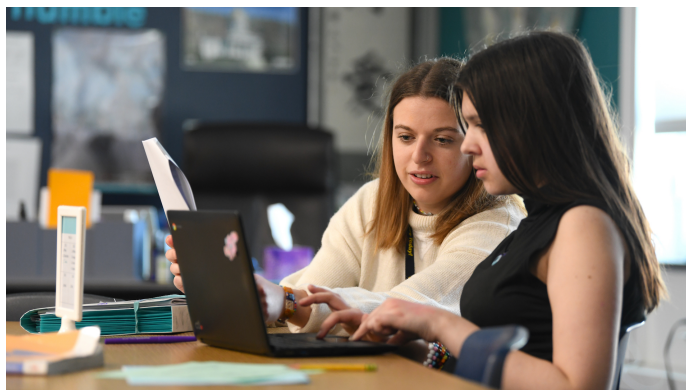
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What to Look For in Comparing Education Programs

- Are there "early and often" opportunities to explore and gain experience in schools?
- Are faculty nationally recognized for their research and academic content?
- Do students work with both professional advisors and faculty advisors?
- Are full-time staff dedicated to student field placements and licensure coordination?
- Are there opportunities for customized student teaching placements at home, out of state, or in specialized settings?
- Does the college/university offer dual licenses, minors, or certificates in desired areas?
- Can students engage in research projects and study abroad opportunities?
- Are there opportunities to change academic and career pathways?



At UVM, the answer is a resounding YES to each of these questions!

Expand Your Learning Beyond Your Major

- Place-Based Education
- Education for Cultural & Linguistic Diversity
- Human Development & Family Science
- Special Education
- Computer Science Education
- Coaching
- American Sign Language
- Research & Policy
- Explore graduate programs in Education for Sustainability, Educational Technology, Educational Leadership & Policy, School Library Media Science, Literacy, Counseling, and Trauma-Informed Practices

Careers & Experiences Beyond Traditional School Settings

- Apply knowledge and training in business and industry.
- Work in non-profit sectors as an educator, trainer, or community outreach liaison.
- Create and develop educational opportunities in recreation, parks, and natural environments.
- Work in museums and libraries.
- Explore careers in higher education.
- An education degree is a strong basis for graduate programs in Counseling, Psychology, Public Health, Speech & Language, Social Work, Law, and more.



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