

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

A degree in educational studies from RWU opens the door to a variety of rewarding teaching careers outside of the classroom. These include family and child services, program development, eco-tourism, museum education, health education, community outreach, and educational publishing. Through coursework, internships, and service projects, you'll examine the roles that teaching, learning, and education policy play in our society and culture. Our faculty will support you in finding a career path in an educational setting outside of a traditional school.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Learn and Do More at RWU

With a focus on experiential learning at RWU, educational studies majors can:

- Complete at least two internship opportunities to gain practical experience working in the field of their choice. Whether it's in a hospital, museum, school or another setting, you'll have the opportunity to explore and define your interests and to see yourself in a potential career field.
- Immerse yourself in a new culture and language by studying abroad. Living and learning in another country helps prepare you to work in a culturally diverse setting.
- Learn about social justice issues by attending guest speaker presentations. Each semester, the program hosts speakers to discuss issues directly affecting today's youth. Lectures on immigration, global warming, and race help prepare educational studies majors to teach in the current climate.



- + **Do you like to help others learn?**
- + **Would you like to work in an educational setting, but not necessarily a traditional classroom?**
- + **Do you want a flexible major that allows you to explore your many interests?**

CAREER OUTLOOK

RWU **educational studies** alumni are:

- Teaching internationally in locations such as El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, and Bermuda
- Working as child life specialists in hospitals
- Working at nonprofits
- Working in early childhood education
- Working as museum educators

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

“My classes are geared toward how kids learn and what’s the best way to teach them. You can apply that to other things beyond the classroom.”

Clarice Contente '19
Provided play therapy to children at Franciscan Children's Hospital

Faculty

Your professors become lifelong mentors by getting to know your interests, skills, and goals. Our faculty have years of teaching experience under their belts and are always available for guidance both in and outside of the classroom.

CURRICULUM

Structure

Educational studies majors take 12 required education courses and nine additional electives in educational research, content, pedagogy, and service that draw from a range of interdisciplinary areas.

The educational studies program is an alternative to the teacher certification track.

Get a Great Internship

All educational studies majors take two internship courses, which each involve seminars and 50 hours of community service. This gives you a chance to explore different career options in various educational settings.

Educational studies majors have interned at:

- Roger Williams Park Zoo
- Bristol/Warren School District, RI
- The Confetti Foundation, Middletown RI
- Child and Family Services, Middletown, RI
- Providence Children's Museum, RI
- Ronald McDonald House, Providence RI

Senior Thesis Seminar

In this course, you will design, conduct, write up, and present an independent research project. This thesis allows you to explore a topic of your choosing within the field of educational studies. You will also learn how to use primary sources and effective research methods. You will have the opportunity to gain professional presentation skills and share your work with the community at the end of the semester in the Student Academic Showcase and Honors (SASH) event.



**OVER 80% OF
RWU STUDENTS
GRADUATE WITH
MORE THAN JUST
A SINGLE MAJOR**

RWU students have paired **educational studies** with:

- Psychology
- Anthropology + Sociology
- Justice Studies
- Business
- Languages