



Bank Street Graduate School of Education

The Bank Street Graduate School of Education prepares exceptional teachers and leaders who enter the world ready to make a difference in the classrooms and communities in which children and adults live and learn. Built on a distinct set of progressive principles, the Graduate School of Education helps teachers and leaders acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to plan, create, and maintain effective learning environments that meet the needs of all learners.

The Bank Street Approach



At the Graduate School, students gain insight into the developmental-interaction approach to teaching and learning, which recognizes that children learn best when teachers build learning relationships based on children's development and when children are actively engaged with materials, ideas, and people. With this in mind, the Graduate School trains teachers in practices that encourage children to be curious, to ask questions, to love learning, to be respectful and tolerant of human differences, and to engage with the world around them.

Graduate students at Bank Street hone their skills through a unique, three-tiered model that combines the study of human development, pedagogical and leadership practices that support all students' learning, and sustained clinical experience to ensure significant development as a teacher or leader prior to graduation. In addition to coursework, students participate in supervised fieldwork and advisement, allowing them to translate theory into practice by spending three to five days a week in the field for a full school year. Studies culminate in an integrative masters project, in which students complete a rigorous body of work fusing their experiences in the field with their coursework.

The Graduate School's Impact

The Graduate School's powerful approach to teacher preparation helps students develop a dynamic, thorough, and humanistic foundation for their careers in education. We create teachers and leaders that are confident, well prepared, and ready to thrive in real world settings as effective educators.

- Serves 650 graduate students across multiple programs
 - 65% aspiring teachers
 - 25% aspiring school leaders
 - 10% in museum education and child life programs
- Over 10,100 students have graduated from Bank Street to date
- 49 full-time faculty members and 107 adjunct faculty members
- Over half of students receive financial aid
- 2,400 job opportunities for Bank Street graduate students shared through Bank Street's CareerConnect system



Our Degree Programs

Bank Street Graduate School of Education offers degree programs leading to the Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.), or the advanced Master of Education (Ed.M.). All programs are registered with the New York State Education Department and most lead to New York State certification.

Teacher Certification Programs:

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- Dual Language / Bilingual General and/or Special Education (Early Childhood or Childhood)
 - Spanish or Mandarin tracks available
- General & Special Education (Early Childhood or Childhood)
- General Education (Early Childhood, Childhood, or both)
- Infant & Family Development & Early Intervention
- Museum Education: Childhood
- Reading and Literacy
- Teaching Adolescent Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Teaching Mathematics, Grades 7-12 (program under development)

Professional Certification Programs:

- Childhood Special Education
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Literacy

Non-Certification Programs:

- Museum Education
- Studies in Education

Child Life Program:

- Child Life Online
- Child Life Online: Advanced Standing Track

Leadership Programs:

- Early Childhood Leadership
- Future School Leaders Academy
- Leadership in Educational Change
- Leadership in Mathematics Education
- Leadership in Museum Education
- Leadership in Special Education
- Principals Institute
- Teacher Leader in Mathematics Education



Support for Educators and Schools

In addition to graduate study, the Bank Street Graduate School is home to a number of programs designed to extend Bank Street's reach:

The Straus Center for Young Children and Families

Advances research and practice supporting the development and learning of children from prenatal to age eight.

Continuing Professional Studies

Offers short-format courses that provide practitioners with practical strategies strongly grounded in theory. Classes are open to all educators and are completed for graduate-level credit or Continuing Education Units.

Center for Emotionally Responsive Practice

Provides ongoing professional development services and on-site consultations to help early childhood and elementary school teachers and leaders develop emotionally responsive school routines, curricula, and adult-child interactions throughout the school day.

Bank Street Graduate School of Education Bronx Cohort

Provides qualified early childhood educators working in New York City's most high-need communities with convenient and affordable access to Bank Street's Early Childhood Education master's degree.

Travel Programs

Offers educators interested in broadening their knowledge of teaching and learning in other cultures an immersive, hands-on travel experience to countries including Morocco, Costa Rica, Cuba, and Argentina.

International Initiatives and Partnerships

Creates opportunities across the globe for students and faculty through a Bank Street Affiliate School in Dubai; summer teach abroad opportunities in South Africa, Rwanda, and Nepal; and capacity building work to help create child-centered and democratic classrooms in high-need countries such as Bangladesh, Brazil, Liberia, and Singapore.