ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Art education is a professional, career-oriented program that prepares students for positions as educators and artists in the community. Successful completion of Western Michigan University’s art education program, including a fifth year of internship in the schools, can lead directly to K-12 teacher certification and the visual arts education endorsement, and/or to graduate studies.

Portfolio reviews for admission into the Bachelor of Fine Arts in art education program will be held in the spring semester of the freshman year for BFA admission in the fall semester of the sophomore year. Please contact the Gwen Frostic School of Art for additional details.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

In this major, advisors from both the College of Fine Arts and the College of Education and Human Development will guide you on your path to graduation. Begin with the CFA to discuss art classes and requirements, and then work with the CEHD for professional education program admission and internships at the end of sophomore or beginning of junior year.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

*Students begin their studies in the pre-professional program. Special admission is required into the professional, upper-level education courses (typically after the sophomore year).*

- Completion of 35 credits
- Completion of all WMU intellectual skills development requirements, if required
- Completion of an approved college-level writing course with a grade of "C" or better
- Completion of ED 2500 or HSV 2250 with a grade of “C” or better
- Achievement of the required cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher
- Achievement of upper-level admission criteria for reading, writing, and math proficiency
- Completion of background check and submission of Judgment of Sentence or Register of Action for any convictions, if necessary
- Completion and submission of a formal application to the CEHD Office of Admissions and Advising

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Certified teacher grades K-12

SATURDAY MORNING ART

Saturday Morning Art—SMArt—is the art education program's lab school. Designed for young people ages 7 to 14 who enjoy art and wish to develop their talents, SMArt classes explore a wide range of creative approaches, mediums and techniques. Seven weeks of art instruction culminate in a public exhibition of student artwork in the Gwen Frostic School of Art galleries. Each fall and spring semester, SMArt classes meet in the Gwen Frostic School of Art studios and facilities in South Kohrman Hall. Overseen by art education program faculty, classes for children and youth ages 7 to 8, 9 to 11, and 12 to 14 are taught by upper-level art education majors.

AT WMU, MY PASSION OF HELPING PEOPLE GROW TURNED INTO MY LOVE FOR TEACHING.

Billy Luc, art education student

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