Organization Description

The Education Unit at Queens College

The Education Unit at Queens College consists of the teacher education programs across all the academic divisions of the college, including not only Education, but also Arts and Humanities, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. Preparation of teachers and other professional educators is the joint responsibility of the arts and sciences and education faculty. Study in the liberal arts and sciences provides the content knowledge critical to preparing competent educators. Regular meetings are held by the provost, the Dean of Education and all the arts and sciences deans (i.e., Education Unit Deans Council [EUDC]), comprising all elements at the college responsible for the preparation of candidates for certification. The purpose of the Unit is to foster collaboration and coordination of activities affecting candidate preparation. The Dean of Education is expected to provide leadership in these efforts.

The coordination of the EUDC assists in the development and modification of programs. For example, several years ago all teacher education programs had to be reregistered with the state. While the work of selecting courses was coordinated by the Division of Education, faculty from departments across the college participated in the development and modification of courses, in accord with the college’s governance structure, which vests curriculum authority with the faculty through departments and the Academic Senate. Through this coordination, advice on the provision of staff and funding in support of the educational mission is provided to the provost, who has authority over resource allocations.
The Education Unit’s Mission Statement

The Queens College Education Unit of the City University of New York prepares compassionate and knowledgeable professionals to work in diverse urban educational settings. Our mission is to prepare candidates to be life-long learners capable of reflection, and problem-solving, and synthesizing, evaluating and applying knowledge.
The Education Unit’s Vision Statement

Queens College is dedicated to preparing highly competent educational professionals for diverse urban communities who will:

- Build nurturing learning communities in which all students engage in challenging curricula.
- Involve students in the democratic process and in responding to the demands of a global society.
- Focus on consistent improvement and renewal of education in diverse urban communities through reflective practice.
The Education Unit’s Core Values

- **Equity.** The Education Unit is committed to preparing teachers and other school personnel who build inclusive communities that nurture and challenge all learners.

- **Excellence.** The Education Unit is committed to preparing teachers and other school personnel who demonstrate professionalism, scholarship, efficacy, evidence-based practice, and reflection.

- **Ethics.** The Education Unit is committed to preparing teachers and other school personnel who value diversity, democracy, and social justice.