

ADELPHI UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
GRADUATE SURVEY

As part of our on-going commitment to improving educational practices, the School of Education at Adelphi University is conducting a survey of its graduates. Your responses to this survey will help us to understand and identify the strengths and weaknesses of the various programs we offer. We greatly appreciate your time in completing this survey.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Graduation information

Undergraduate degree: BA____ BS____
College: _____
Year of graduation: _____
Graduate degree: MA____ MS____
Year of graduation: _____

Program:

Education Studies

- Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Adolescence Education
- STEP
- Special Education
- TESOL/Bilingual Education
- Literacy
- Art Education
- Education Leadership and Technology

Health Studies, Physical Education & Human Performance Science

- Physical Education
- Health Education
- HPE dual

Communications Sciences and Disorders

- Communication Sciences and Disorders (SLP)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders (Audiology)
- Deaf Studies

I learned of Adelphi's program through

- Referral from friend or colleague
- Website

- Newspaper
- Environmental advertisement (LIRR, shopping center)
- Workplace advertisement

Main Campus attended: please circle

Garden City

Manhattan

Other

Personal Information

Race/Ethnicity

- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black, Non-Hispanic
- Hispanic/Latino
- White, Non-Hispanic
- Native American/Alaska Native
- Other

Gender

- Male
- Female

Age

- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50+

Years of Experience in the Profession

- 0-2
- 3-5
- 6-10
- 11+

What professional organizations do you belong to?

Please list.

Employment

Please check as applicable:

Are you presently employed in your profession? Yes ___ No ____

- Looking for a position
- Employed full time in a non-related position

Working in a school:

- Full time teacher on a regular contract
- Administration

- Substitute teacher
- Assistant teacher
- Support professional

Please indicate the type of institution at which you work:

- Nursery/early childhood center
- Elementary
- Middle school/Junior high
- High school
- Adult Education
- Hospital, community health, or other medical setting
- Private practice

PROGRAM PREPARATION

We would like to know how well prepared you feel for work as an educational professional, as a result of your studies in the School of Education. Please circle the appropriate indicator.

Strongly agree (4), Agree (3), Disagree (2), Strongly Disagree (1) or Not Sure (NS)

Self and role as an educational professional

My education at Adelphi helped me to:

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| 1. Develop knowledge of self (RW) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 2. Develop a philosophy of education (S R) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 3. Make educational decisions that are grounded in reflective practice (R) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 4. Value merits of different approaches to curriculum (IS) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 5. Value merits of different approaches to teaching (IS) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 6. Value merits of different approaches to assessment (IS) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 7. Value different approaches to learning (IS) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 8. Understand the role of family and community in education (J) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 9. Value the continual development of professional knowledge (S) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |

Knowledge of curriculum and classroom organization

My experience at Adelphi helped me to:

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| 10. Prepare lesson plans (S) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 11. Use textbooks and other standard school materials (S) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 12. Develop and use alternative, customized curriculum materials (C) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 13. Use an array of instructional strategies (SI) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 14. Create a caring and compassionate learning environment for all learners (JW) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 15. Integrate cognitive, affective, social, and physical aspects of health and wellness into teaching and learning (W) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 16. Use positive management techniques in the classroom (JIS) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 17. Foster student self-responsibility (J) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 18. Understand traditional forms of assessment (S) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 19. Construct alternative forms of assessment (CS) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 20. Integrate technology into my teaching (S) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 21. Evaluate educational software (S) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 22. Be aware of New York State curriculum and standards (S) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 23. Be aware of National Standards (S) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 24. Plan effective learning experiences to help students reach standards (S) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |

Responding to the needs of diverse learners

My experience at Adelphi helped me to:

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| 25. Address the unique needs and strengths of students from culturally diverse backgrounds (IJ) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 26. Adapt instruction for individual learning needs (IW) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 27. Incorporate multicultural perspectives in the curriculum (IJ) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 28. Understand the importance of individual timetables of development (IW) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |

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| 29. Avoid gender bias (IW) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 30. Work with students whose primary language is not English (IJ) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 31. Recognize and report child abuse (W) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 32. Identify and prevent violent behavior (W) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |

Functioning effectively within a school community

My experience at Adelphi helped me to:

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| 33. Understand the role of and communicate with other professionals in the school (e.g. social worker, specialist teachers, administrators) (IW) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 34. Collaborate with other professionals to function as a team (W) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 35. Understand how schools are organized (S) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 36. Understand how to make my voice heard in school decision making (WJ) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 37. Identify and utilize opportunities for professional growth (S) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 38. Increase parent involvement in education (JW) | 4 3 2 1 N/S |

Field experiences (If you had no field placement, skip this section.)

My experience was that....

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| 39. The educational philosophy advocated at the placement site was consistent with that advocated by Adelphi | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 40. Cooperating educators shared a common philosophy with Adelphi | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 41. Field placements were carefully planned | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 42. Field supervisors shared a common philosophy with the program | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 43. My needs were taken into account when placements were assigned | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 44. Staff in the field placement office were available and responsive | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 45. Field supervisors were available and responsive | 4 3 2 1 N/S |
| 46. My field experience provided a good foundation for my educational career | 4 3 2 1 N/S |

General programmatic feedback

The School of Education provided...

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| 47. Class sizes that allowed for dynamic interactions with faculty and peers | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 48. A strong library, equipment, and other facilities | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 49. An understanding of how education can lead to social change | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 50. Opportunities for collaboration and professional networking | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 51. An opportunity to voice suggestions and offer input into the structure of my program | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 52. Course texts that were current and relevant | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 53. Relevant career counseling | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 54. Course texts were relevant and valuable | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |

I would say that...

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| 55. My program prepared me as well or better than my colleagues who graduated from programs at other universities | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |
| 56. I would recommend this program to a friend or colleague | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/S |

Open-ended questions

Overall, what do you see as the mission or purpose of the Adelphi education programs?

OR

Present the mission statement and have students comment on how effective we were in attaining the mission statement with examples of how we did it.

Of the courses you took, which ones have you found to be most beneficial and why? What courses did you find least beneficial and why?

Looking back on the program from which you graduated, what are the greatest strengths and weaknesses of your experience?

Please complete and detach this page from your survey if you would be willing to help future teachers by:

- Having Adelphi candidates observe or do fieldwork with you?
- Have an Adelphi student teacher?

Name:

Where you work:

Grade/subject you teach:

Years experience at this grade level:

Years experience at this school:

Phone:

email: