

ART EDUCATION, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Career Paths

The Art Education program prepares you to become a knowledgeable, skilled, and caring professional art educator, capable of making a difference in the lives of those you have the privilege to teach. In building on your inherent creative and critical capacities as an artist, you have at your disposal a wealth of skills in working with materials and media, accessing multiple visual languages of communication, and challenging what we know about human potential, all of which contribute to your success as an educational leader. Helping others to learn has forever been a basic human activity, and your future in art teaching is assured.

Careers

Early in your experience in the Art Education program, you become involved in a variety of observational and participatory experiences in different art learning settings that culminates in an extensive pre-practice internship in schools. Therefore, you learn on the job. This establishes a core characteristic of art teaching, which is that art teachers never retire because there is always another way to express and respond to everyday experiences, and it's worth sharing. Many of our strongest majors also complete B.F.A. degrees in studio art. Others complete dual degrees or minors in Special Education or other areas likely to increase their marketability.

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

You are encouraged to extend your academic and professional opportunities while completing your degree. Upon completion, you are prepared for a career as an educator in elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as visual arts educators in museums and community settings. In addition, our students are prepared to enroll in graduate studies to become college and university professors, researchers, and scholars. You are strongly encouraged to join professional networks such as the Pennsylvania Art Education Association (PAEA) and the National Art Education Association (NAEA).

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES
(<https://arts.psu.edu/degree-programs/graduate-degree-programs>)

Professional Societies

- College Art Association (<https://www.collegeart.org>)
- National Art Education Association (<https://www.arteducators.org>)
- National Council of Art Administrators (<https://www.ncaaart.org>)
- Pennsylvania Art Education Association (<https://sites.google.com/paea.org/paea/home>)