

# Art Education

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## Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**  
[www.ndsu.edu/visualarts/](http://www.ndsu.edu/visualarts/) (<http://www.ndsu.edu/visualarts/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**  
[catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/art-education/](http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/art-education/) (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/art-education/>)

Art Education is offered as a degree through the Visual Arts Department in collaboration with the NDSU School of Education. The program is led by Assistant Professor Eric Syvertson, who prior to NDSU was a 10+ year veteran teacher within the West Fargo School District. The mission of the Art Ed program is developing excellent K-12 artist-educators with a focus on professional practice, community engagement, technology integration and advocacy for the arts and design fields. Teacher candidates are prepared to teach and lead within and outside the school setting. Teacher candidates get the best of both worlds: content and studio courses with faculty in the department of Visual Arts and professional education courses from faculty in the School of Education (SOE). We develop excellent artists with a foundation to become impactful teachers. A minimum of 120 credit hours are needed for graduation.

## STUDENT TEACHING

Student teaching (clinical practice) is the culmination of the teaching program. During the clinical practice, teacher candidates apply the knowledge and skills acquired in their college courses to real-world classrooms under the supervision of experienced art teachers in elementary, middle and high schools. Faculty members from NDSU conduct regular on-site visits to support, encourage, and evaluate teacher candidates so that they gain the confidence and ability to join the teaching profession after graduation.

## Licensure

Upon completing this program, teacher candidates are eligible for teacher licensure in Art in most states. Our program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and approved by the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB)