

COLLEGE RESOURCES

Questions About Art Education Faculty

Deciding on the right college or university art education program should also include information about the faculty. The following questions can help you determine if the faculty has the kind of training, experience, and commitment to art education essential to training others to be teachers of art:

Does the art education faculty have degrees in art education?

Although not the case at many institutions, at some schools, faculty teaching art education courses and supervising art student teachers have degrees in areas other than art education. It is obviously to your advantage to be trained by faculty who have advanced degrees in the area they teach. Some schools have this information on their websites while at others a simple inquiry is all that is needed.

Does the art education faculty have teaching experience in the schools?

It is recommended that art education faculty have experience teaching K-12 students. This has not always been the case. Being trained by professionals who have worked in classrooms themselves and understand its day-to-day challenges and responsibilities will more thoroughly prepare you for the realities you will encounter as a teacher.

Are the art education faculty active members of their professional organization?

Many professions require or strongly recommend that you be a member of the professional organization aligned with the profession. For art teachers, that organization is the National Art Education Association (NAEA). Staying professionally involved not only shows commitment to the profession but keeps you up-to-date on the latest information in the field. Attending and participating in regional, state, and national conferences is required in many school districts and provides continual professional development throughout your career. Your memberships and costs to attend conferences are tax-deductible. Being trained by faculty who are professionally involved and active strengthens your training. Many art education programs sponsor student NAEA chapters on campus, providing students with the opportunity to be part of the professional organization while they are completing the program.

Is the faculty knowledgeable about The National Standards for the Visual Arts and The Standards for Art Teacher Preparation?

The National Standards for the Visual Arts specify what students (K-12) need to know and be able to do in the visual arts. 49 out of 50 states have adapted or adopted these standards and use them to determine the content to be covered in classrooms as well as the qualifications teachers must have in order to teach the subject area. *The NAEA Standards for Art Teacher Preparation* address what colleges and universities need to do in order to prepare effective art teachers capable of meeting local, state, and national visual arts standards. Art education faculty should be knowledgeable about both sets of standards and work to ensure that the program is reflective of their contents.

Thinking About Teaching Art? Answers for Students, Parents and Counselors

By Robert J. (2000) Boston, MA: National Art Education Association.

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School/Visual Arts Program Resources

- [6 Admissions Tips for Visual Art Majors](#)
- [ArtTeacherEDU.org - Becoming an Art Teacher](#)

The steps to become an art teacher in any state are relatively similar. Usually the first step requires an approved education with a teacher preparation program, after which you must take state exams and apply for your license. Art teachers typically work on earning their teaching certification while they are in the latter stages of their teacher prep program. The state will issue the actual license once all the necessary requirements have been met. Although each state's process will vary, the educational requisites for every state is a minimum of a bachelor's degree — either in an art related degree program, or in education (depending on the level of school you teach).

- [MastersInEducationOnline Art Education Programs](#)

Launched in 2013, MastersInEducationOnline's goal is to provide a complete, easy to understand guide to earning a Master's degree in education. Find a guide to art education, including information on curriculum, career opportunities, and salary projections for art teachers.

- [National Association of Schools of Art and Design](#): NASAD, founded in 1944, is an organization of schools, colleges, and universities. It has approximately 309 accredited institutional members. It establishes national standards for undergraduate and graduate degrees and other credentials.

- [National Center for Education Statistics COLLEGE NAVIGATOR](#): Refine your search with More Search Options to select additional search criteria; Build a list of schools using My Favorites for side-by-side comparisons; Pinpoint school locations with an interactive map; Export search results into a spreadsheet; and Save your session including search options and favorites.

- [Online Colleges in Virginia](#). This is your one-stop resource for information on online education in Virginia. We begin with a general overview of higher education in the state and then document Virginia's state-specific initiatives and any progress they've made in supporting online education.

- [Performing and Visual Arts \(PVA\) College Fairs](#). PVA College Fairs are designed for students interested in pursuing undergraduate and graduate study in the areas of music, dance, theater, visual arts, graphic design, and other related disciplines. These fairs are free and open to the public. Attendees learn about educational opportunities, admission and financial aid, portfolio days, audition and entrance requirements, and much more.

- [Peterson's College Guide for Visual Arts Majors](#) helps students find the perfect college program for studying fine arts, graphic design, architecture, media arts, or any of the many other art disciplines. The comprehensive profiles detail hundreds of professional baccalaureate and graduate degree programs, with the most current information on costs, deadlines, enrollment, faculty, financial aid, and more. Added features include a wealth of insight and information from college deans, admissions directors, and professors; current art students; and industry professionals.

professionals, as well as in-depth advice on putting together a winning portfolio.

- [U.S. News & World Report Top Schools - Fine Arts](#) (Ranked in 2012): For artists, earning an M.F.A. demonstrates advanced abilities in an art specialty field, such as graphic design, painting and drawing, or visual communications. These are the top graduate schools for fine arts.

- » [Graphic Design](#) (Ranked in 2012): Graphic designers are creative professionals who use art and technical skills in a variety of industries including publishing, business, fashion, and advertising. These are the best fine arts schools for graphic design.

- » [Unranked Specialty Schools: Arts](#): Colleges that offer most or all of their degrees in fine arts or performing arts are listed here as specialty schools. These schools are not ranked, since the category is so small.

Schools/Visual Arts Programs

[Academy of Art University](#) (San Francisco, CA)

[Art Center College of Design](#) (Pasadena, CA)

[Art Institutes, The](#) (Nationwide locations)

[California College of the Arts](#) (San Francisco & Oakland, CA)

[California Institute of the Arts](#) (Valencia, CA)

[Carnegie Mellon University](#) (Pittsburgh, PA)

[Cranbrook Academy of Art](#) (Bloomfield Hills, MI)

[Corcoran College of Art + Design](#) (Washington, DC)

[Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising](#) (New York, NY)

[James Madison University](#) (Harrisonburg, VA)

[Maryland Institute College of Art](#) (Baltimore, MD)

[Minneapolis College of Art and Design](#) (Minneapolis, MN)

[Parsons The New School for Design](#) (New York, NY)

[Pratt Undergraduate Scholarships](#) (New York, NY)

[Rhode Island School of Design](#) (Providence, RI)

[Rutgers University](#) (New Brunswick, Newark, & Camden, NJ)

[Savannah College of Art & Design](#) (Savannah, GA)

[School of the Art Institute of Chicago](#) (Chicago, IL)

[School of Visual Arts](#) (New York, NY)

[Virginia Commonwealth University](#) (Richmond, VA)

[Western Michigan University](#) (Kalamazoo, MI)

[Yale University](#) (New Haven, CT)

Scholarship Resources (school-sponsored):

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Scholarship Resource Sites