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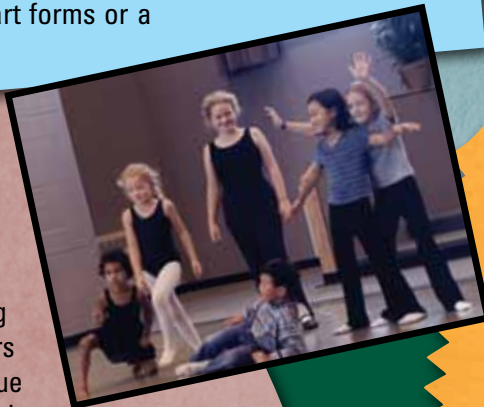
**Teaching, scholarship,
 creative expression and service honoring
 the role of the arts in education**

The Interdisciplinary Arts for Children Program

The Interdisciplinary Arts for Children (IAC) Program is unique in the nation. It provides substantive training in the role of the arts in education to students interested in the arts and/or who are planning to become teachers of young children. Students can earn a BS or BA degree with a specialty in one of five arts areas: Dance, Dance Studies, Theater, Music or Visual Art. This specialty study is complimented by introductory and pedagogy coursework in all four of the art forms, as well as seminar classes in arts-in-education theory and arts-integrated curriculum and practice. About 70 percent of IAC majors pair their studies with teacher certification. Others often pursue a dual major in one of the art forms or a major or minor in a variety of other academic areas.

Developing Future Leaders

During their time at Brockport, students in the IAC major discern and investigate their roles as scholars, nurturing teachers/leaders of children, and creators/communicators of artistic expression. Students come to realize the value of every child's distinct expressive gifts and the ways in which they can capitalize on those gifts to enhance learning in many areas. IAC majors become responsible citizens, advocating the necessity of access to the arts and arts learning for every child.



Teacher Certification

The IAC Program is approved by the New York State (NYS) Education Department to satisfy pre-professional requirements leading to Childhood Inclusive Education teacher certification as a classroom teacher (Grades 1 – 6). IAC students entering this certification program must also apply and be accepted into the education program through the College's Department of Education and Human Development. The teacher certification program is accredited through the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Paired with Childhood Inclusive Education certification, an IAC degree also partially fulfills NYS certification requirements for dance, visual art, theater or music (PreK – 12).



The Faculty

The IAC faculty is professionally active at both the national and international level, and is committed to providing a rigorous curriculum that helps each student meet their potential as a teacher/artist/scholar. Students study with professional artists and certified teachers as part of their required coursework, and are offered ongoing individual support and consultation to assist them in feeling confident and competitive as they enter the professional world.



What Do IAC Graduates Do?

You will find Arts for Children graduates employed in a variety of settings:

- Public and private elementary and middle schools
- Community service or non-profit organizations
- Cultural institutions, performing arts centers and museums
- Pre-school and after-school educational programs
- Education outreach in theatre and dance companies
- Media production companies
- Colleges and universities
- Working as independent Teaching Artists



Study Abroad

Students are encouraged to participate in one of the College's many international exchange programs including those in Jamaica, England, Ghana and Australia among other countries. The IAC faculty works in collaboration with the College's Office of International Education to identify programs and coursework that satisfy a student's individual interests while meeting the requirements for their IAC degree.

