

Organization Description

The Education Unit at Queens College

The Education Unit at Queens College consists of the teacher education programs across all the academic divisions of the college, including not only Education, but also Arts and Humanities, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. Preparation of teachers and other professional educators is the joint responsibility of the arts and sciences and education faculty. Study in the liberal arts and sciences provides the content knowledge critical to preparing competent educators. Regular meetings are held by the provost, the Dean of Education and all the arts and sciences deans (i.e., Education Unit Deans Council [EUDC]), comprising all elements at the college responsible for the preparation of candidates for certification. The purpose of the Unit is to foster collaboration and coordination of activities affecting candidate preparation. The Dean of Education is expected to provide leadership in these efforts.

The coordination of the EUDC assists in the development and modification of programs. For example, several years ago all teacher education programs had to be reregistered with the state. While the work of selecting courses was coordinated by the Division of Education, faculty from departments across the college participated in the development and modification of courses, in accord with the college's governance structure, which vests curriculum authority with the faculty through departments and the Academic Senate. Through this coordination, advice on the provision of staff and funding in support of the educational mission is provided to the provost, who has authority over resource allocations.