The art education program at the University of Tennessee is a fifth-year licensure program that prepares students as artist-teachers and leaders in the field of art education. Graduates go onto serve in formal and informal educational settings, such as public and private schools, art museums, community centers, and other art agencies and institutions.

To achieve licensure to teach, students earn a BA or BFA in studio art along with a minor in art education. Then they complete the Professional Year—graduate coursework and a year-long internship that leads to a master’s degree and one year of teaching experience.

"Having a master’s degree will you give a competitive edge when job searching...and increases your starting salary. The extra effort is worth it!"

- Ericka Ryba ’16

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ART EDUCATION PROGRAM

SCHOOLS WHERE RECENT GRADUATES HAVE SECURED TEACHING POSITIONS

Austin East High School, Knox County
Bonny Kate Elementary School, Knox County
Bearden High School, Knox County
Cedar Bluff Elementary School, Knox County
Corryton Elementary School, Knox County
Farragut High School, Knox County
Farragut Intermediate School, Knox County
New Hopewell Elementary School, Knox County
Powell High School, Knox County
Sarah Moore Greene Magnet Academy, Knox County
Shannondale Elementary, Knox County
West Valley Middle School, Knox County
Coulter Grove Intermediate School, Maryville
Foothills Elementary School, Maryville
Heritage High School, Blount County
Glenwood Elementary School, Oak Ridge
John Overton High School, Metro Nashville
Dexter Elementary Schools, Shelby County
Laney High School, New Hanover County, NC

PROGRAM DETAILS

Art Education Minor

19 HOURS
(6 hours can count as studio art electives toward the BFA)

Master of Science/The Professional Year

INCLUDES
Year-long art internship in public schools 12 HOURS
Graduate coursework 24 HOURS

LEADS TO
Art teaching certification
A master’s degree
One year of teaching experience
CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN 12 MONTHS

Recent Faculty and Student Awards:
Joy G. Bertling, Assistant Professor—2018 Higher Education Art Educator of the Year, Tennessee Art Education Association
Heather Eades, Student—2018 Higher Education Student Achievement Award, Tennessee Art Education Association
Rachel Rhea, Student—2017 Higher Education Student Achievement Award, Tennessee Art Education Association