

Master's Programs for Careers in  
Teaching, Counseling, Human Development, Educational Policy,  
Higher Education, and Program Evaluation

# Are you ready?



**WARNER**  
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER



## Find Your Place in the World

To you, it's always been about more than a job or a grade.

You want to invest your time and talent in things that matter.

You want to help people and communities thrive.

## Start Now

Your creativity and energy will thrive at the Warner School of Education and Human Development as you work side-by-side with faculty working on the leading edge of reform. Our master's degree programs tackle enduring challenges in education, counseling and human development with fresh, non-traditional approaches. You can carve out a niche where you can make a real difference.

## Be Ready

Our world needs inventive teachers who can meet kids where they are and support their success; counselors who care about the individual and speak up when the system is broken; higher education professionals who are passionate about creating college living and learning environments; and professionals who can make smart decisions about complex human development and educational policy problems.

This is your chance to think deeply about our world and the many ways that teaching, learning, counseling, human development, and policy shape lives and societies. This is your time to gain the professional skills and knowledge to be an exceptional educator. This is your time to do good.



# inspired



“My Warner experience provided me with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to excel in my current career as a language teacher. The program’s emphasis on hands-on, experiential learning, combined with the opportunity to complete multiple student teaching placements, helped me develop the practical and applicable skills needed to succeed in the classroom. Additionally, the program’s focus on cultural competency has allowed me to create a more inclusive and welcoming learning environment for my students.”

*Jerry Tianzi Wang  
MS in Teaching*

## Teaching

No doubt you had a teacher who took a genuine interest, who really opened your eyes to the possibilities. You can become that teacher: The one who creates a classroom where spirits soar and success is the expectation.

You’ll grow into a thoughtful practitioner with a deep understanding of your subject and the best way to teach it. You will develop an approach that is grounded in current research and authentic practices, that promotes social justice and supports students’ growth and development.

And you’ll do it quicker. A teaching degree from the Warner School can be completed in just 15 months. (Most take two years.) Classes begin in May, right after graduation, and run through the following August. And since New York has some of the toughest certifications around, you can take what you’ve learned just about anywhere.



## Specializations

Early Childhood & Elementary (birth - grade 6)

Secondary (grades 7-12)

- English
- World Languages (French, Spanish, German, Italian, Chinese)
- Mathematics
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science)
- Computer Science
- Social Studies
- Disabilities & Inclusion
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Reading and Literacies

### *Additional Options*

- Inclusive Education
- Urban Teaching and Leadership
- Online Teaching
- Teaching Students with Disabilities

# involved



## Counseling

If you feel the urge to connect with people and help them in good and bad times, consider a degree in mental health or school counseling.

As a school or mental health counselor, you'll be helping individuals, families, organizations, and communities make changes that will lead to growth and peace.

During your studies, you'll work one-on-one with individuals and with groups, and explore the important role that counselors play in advocating for individual mental health or in schools and organizations that promote health, development, and well-being.

At the same time, you'll do some personal work, so that you are in a good place and know yourself well enough to assist others. You'll do this with a combination of classroom and field work experiences that put human development theory into practice.

"I had constant opportunities to be outside my comfort zone and explore topics in Leadership as well as my advanced certificate in Urban Teaching and Leadership, which my advisor helped me to get with only one extra class. Working with my classmates and staff, I always felt safe and supported discussing new topics and ideas that I know will make me a better school counselor."

*Amy Elbogen*  
*MS in School Counseling*



# thoughtful

“Participating in the program has significantly improved my critical thinking abilities. I learned to approach the understanding of a group, topic, or issue with rigor, which has been instrumental in my work and research. Through the program, I have honed my skills in listening, elevating ideas, and observing to make informed decisions that benefit the team as a whole.”

*Junior Dillion  
PhD in Human Development*



## Human Development

Ever wonder what truly shapes a person’s growth over the course of a life? With a master’s in human development, you’ll explore that question with an interdisciplinary study of:

- How people grow and change from infancy to old age.
- The theories and research that help to explain the nature of growth and change.
- The insights sociology, anthropology, psychology, and biology provide as we strive to comprehend learning and development through the life course.
- The environments within families, schools, and communities that foster healthy human development.

Design a program to meet your interests: a general program in human development or a specialization in early childhood, family studies, developmental differences, gerontology, program evaluation, or research.

Students use this degree in a wide variety of community and government agencies, as well as a springboard to doctoral work.



# motivated

## Educational Policy

Are you a big-picture person? Would you like to help improve schools so the system works for *all* students?

The educational policy master's program is a place to start. You'll learn to think about complex policy problems using multiple, interdisciplinary lenses. You'll be part of a cohort where you will immerse yourself in these issues and draw widely from resources across the university with a core group of other students who are committed to solving the inequities in school systems. You and your advisor will develop a program of study, fueled by your interests and aspirations. And when you graduate, you'll be ready to work in a variety of policy positions, including those in government, nonprofit organizations, school districts, and research organizations related to K-12 or higher education.

The program also provides a solid foundation for those who know they'd like to pursue doctoral study in areas related to educational policy, law, sociology, and other social sciences.

"I wanted to combine my interests in education and politics, my passion for community programs, and my academic background in economics. Educational policy is the perfect field for that combination."

*Jeremy Friedman*  
MS Educational Policy



# genuine

“The support I got inside and outside of class was extremely helpful when preparing for my current career! I was able to continue to work and still take classes and apply my education to my advising practice. The staff and faculty help and support you on your academic, personal and professional endeavors.”

*Mayra Vite-Romero  
MS Higher Education*



## Higher Education

Have you been one of those undergrads who soaks up everything your college has to offer? Have you loved being a part of residential life? Student activities? Admissions?

If you think you can make a difference on a college campus, the higher education master's program can get you where you want to go. You'll work with scholars and higher education professionals who have extensive backgrounds in university or college administration. You'll gain skills as a thoughtful leader who is able to manage people and programs and help individuals reach their highest potential.

Get there by choosing one of three concentrations: a general higher education administration concentration, with flexibility to select coursework and internships to suit your goals; a student affairs administration concentration, with an emphasis on college student development and issues in student services; or student affairs and academic & career advising.



# unique

“The flexibility of the program evaluation degree allowed me to interact with a wide variety of faculty members, masters and doctoral students, and University partners - all of whom cared deeply about my growth as a student and professional. The relationship-rich experience at Warner is not only personally and professionally rewarding, but will motivate you and give you the support you need to get the most out of each assignment and project you tackle.”

*Teresa Long,  
MS Program Evaluation*



## Program Evaluation

As schools, colleges and universities, not-for-profit organizations, government entities, private and public companies seek to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of their projects, policies and programs, the need for credentialed program evaluation specialists will continue to increase.

By seeking a master's in program evaluation, you'll gain the theoretical knowledge and practical skills to work in a wide range of educational, social services, and business contexts. Graduates can serve as staff or consultant evaluators for assessment or accreditation bodies; support the effective, efficient management of not-for-profit institutions; evaluate government programs; and inform practice and policy decisions in any educational institution - K-12 or higher education - they may be working in.

You'll learn to collect, analyze, and use information to answer questions about projects, policies, and programs, with particular attention to program implementation, effectiveness, and efficiency.





# challenging

## Professional Practice

As part of the University of Rochester, a top-ranked research university, a key difference of the Warner School is its commitment to research and the application of findings in professional practice. The Warner School is very aware of the evolving needs of the educating professions, and through research, we are committed to improving knowledge and practice.

As a student, you could be involved in important research projects and initiatives that change the face of education and human development. Or you could work in community organizations to put theory and research findings into practice. Because of the wealth of research and community initiatives, Warner School students have more enriched master's experiences that prepare students to thrive once they graduate.



## Ever Better

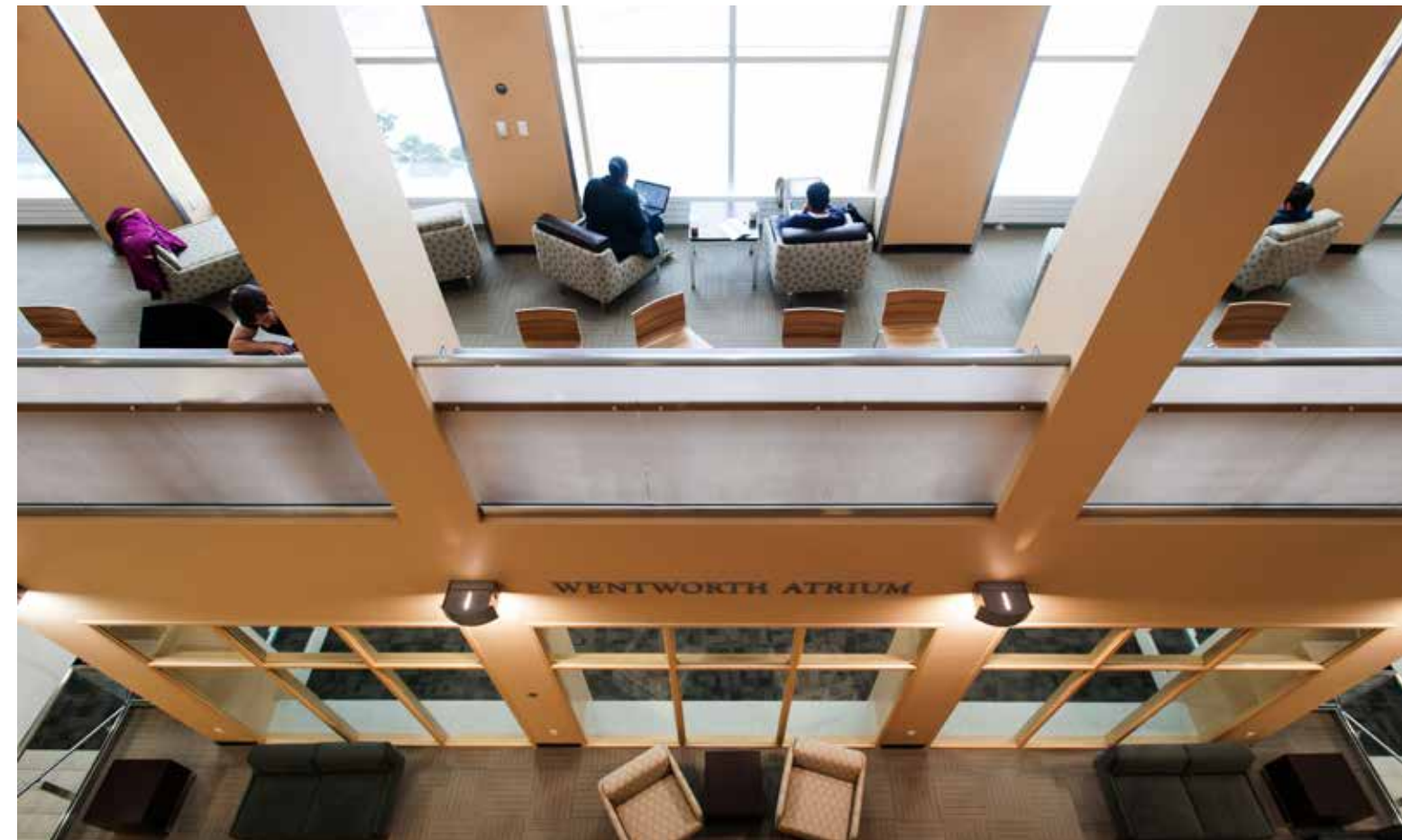
The University of Rochester, one of the world's leading research universities, has a long tradition of breaking boundaries – always pushing and questioning, learning and unlearning. We transform ideas into enterprises that create value and make the world ever better.

University of Rochester faculty are known around the world for their research and teaching. Rochester is among the universities receiving the highest federal science research funding in the country. Its library holdings total more than 3.5 million volumes, ranking among the top 50 academic research libraries in the U.S. and Canada.

As a member of the Warner School community, you will study in a beautiful facility right in the center of campus, with access to the rich resources of a top research institution. It is academic excellence on a personal scale.

## Making the World More Just and Humane

The Warner School is about improving the human condition. We are committed to social justice in schools and communities. As educators and counselors, our graduates inspire minds, bring fresh insight to their fields, and serve as creative and thoughtful leaders.



# vibrant



## The City of Rochester

Ask any professional who lives here: Rochester is a vibrant city that offers plenty to do. The University of Rochester's 85-acre campus is located in the city about two miles from downtown. The region is known for its professional sports, outdoor recreation, energetic nightlife, eclectic restaurants, and arts & entertainment. If you like live music, you'll find a show every night of the week. In fact, it's been said Rochester has the culture of a big city and the heart of a small one.



# ready

## Scholarships and Costs

You might be surprised at how affordable a Warner School education can be. Our tuition cost is inclusive of fees, unlike other schools that boast lower tuition but don't readily disclose the large amount of fees they charge. Students should compare total costs when deciding on a program based on price.

Merit-based scholarships also make tuition costs competitive and more easily affordable. There are Dean's Scholarships available in a variety of programs as well as generous guaranteed scholarships.

## Application Process

Applying online is easy with minimal required documents and no GRE or MAT scores required. You need:

- Unofficial transcripts for post-secondary coursework.
- 2 letters of recommendation.
- Resume.
- Statement of purpose.
- Academic writing sample.

Connect with Admissions during your application for a one-on-one application assistance appointment.





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