What is TEAC?
The Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving academic degree programs for professional educators who will teach and lead in schools, pre-K through grade 12. The New Jersey Department of Education requires that every teacher education program at an institution of higher learning become accredited with a national level professional organization. The School of Education at Fairleigh Dickinson University has chosen TEAC for its national accrediting body. For more information on TEAC go to www.teac.org.

What is the Mission of the School of Education?
The mission of the School of Education is to foster a diverse community of effective, professional educators who are caring, competent, reflective, ethical leaders committed to advancing student learning and achievement, developing scholarship, and promoting democratic ideals in our global society.

What is the Conceptual Framework of the School of Education?
**THE TEACHER AS LEADER:** Teacher leadership is not about teachers becoming administrators or principals and thereby “leaving the classroom.” Rather, it is about teachers learning how to strengthen student performance within the classroom and to participate in locally shared leadership, as part of the daily life of the school. Teachers must be an essential part of the leadership within schools that are dedicated to promoting student achievement (School Leadership for the 21st Century Initiative, 2001).

What are the School of Education’s Claims?
*Candidates are:*
- **Qualified** to teach subject matter knowledge.
- **Competent** in pedagogical knowledge.
- **Caring**.

What are the School of Education’s Cross-Cutting Themes?
- Multicultural Perspectives
- Technology Integration
- Learning to Learn

How will TEAC affect the School of Education?
TEAC approval will give Fairleigh Dickinson University national recognition from a highly-esteemed accrediting body. We have been offering high quality programs to you for over 30 years and will continue to do so. We oversee every aspect of your program to ensure that you are highly qualified. We prepare our graduates to be culturally responsive and technologically proficient. Our faculty and staff have always been committed to preparing the most effective teachers and educational leaders by promoting best practices in education that are grounded in educational research and theory. Our programs are closely aligned with state and national standards and our courses are performance-based. Through development of a portfolio, you are held responsible for addressing and demonstrating professional standards as well as providing evidence of your progress and learning. We are proud to say that FDU’s Peter Sammartino School of Education is committed to providing you with a quality education and we look forward to working with you in the future.

*Fairleigh Dickinson University’s School of Education prepares you to become a caring, competent and highly-qualified educator.*