The mission of the Zucker Family School of Education at The Citadel is to support the development of individuals who are knowledgeable about all aspects of the teaching-learning process and who are effective, ethical, and reflective educators prepared to assume leadership roles in the profession and the community. With a focus toward learner-centered education, our graduates are effective in educating a diverse learner population to high academic standards. The mission is based on the School’s philosophy and conceptual model.

The Citadel is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredits The Citadel to award bachelor’s, master’s, and specialist degrees.

The Citadel Zucker Family School of Education is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The literacy program is nationally recognized by the International Literacy Association (ILA).
Students may choose from the following teaching areas:
- Biology and General Science (grades 9-12)
- English Language Arts (grades 5-8* or 9-12)
- General Science (grades 5-8*)
- Mathematics (grades 5-8* or 9-12)
- Physical Education (grades K-12)
- Social Studies (grades 5-8* or 9-12)

*The Master of Arts in Teaching Middle Grades program (grades 5-8) is a joint program with the College of Charleston. Applicants choose a home institution and apply through that Graduate School.

Counselor Education

Master of Education in Counselor Education:
Elementary or Secondary School Counseling
The School Counseling degree program is designed for individuals who want to enter the school system as a school counselor. Students who successfully complete the program will obtain both a graduate degree and recommendation for licensure through the state to become a school counselor.

Master of Education in Counselor Education:
Student Affairs and College Counseling
The Student Affairs in College Counseling degree program is designed for individuals who aspire to work (or currently work) in higher education institutions. Students accepted into this degree program will automatically be accepted into the Graduate Certificate in Student Affairs program.

South Carolina State Licensure Programs
(Non-Degree):
Elementary or Secondary School Counseling Certification
Applicants who hold a master’s degree in another area of professional education or counseling and wish to add school counseling certification may pursue this program.

Graduate Certificate in Student Affairs
The Graduate Certificate in Student Affairs provides individuals with the skills to engage students in active learning while building supportive and inclusive communities within institutions of higher education.

Educational Leadership

Specialist in Educational Leadership:
School Superintendent
The Specialist in Educational Leadership is an advanced graduate degree between the Master’s and Doctoral degrees. In accordance with South Carolina Certification Regulations, The Citadel offers this degree to prepare candidates for certification as school superintendent.

Master of Education in Educational Leadership:
Elementary or Secondary School Administration and Supervision
The program prepares individuals with varied leadership and management skills and an understanding and practical knowledge of classroom organization. Human and public relations issues in education are also explored. Successful completion of degree results in recommendation for licensure through the state as elementary or secondary school principals and supervisors.

South Carolina State Licensure Programs
(Non-Degree):
Elementary or Secondary School Administration and Supervision Certificate
Applicants who hold a valid SC teaching certificate and a master’s degree in a different area of professional education and wish to add administration certification may apply to this program.