Frequently asked questions about:

Field Experience:
Prior to student teaching, Saint Rose Early Childhood, Childhood and Adolescence education students earn 100 hours of field experience in local school districts. Sixty hours are obtained in course-embedded field experiences, and the last 40 field experience hours are obtained during the first weeks of each student teaching session (the 1st week of each student teaching session, 2 X 20 hours) to total 100 hours of field experiences prior to student teaching, as required by New York State. Childhood/Special Education (SEED) and Early Childhood/Special Education earn 150 hours of course embedded field experience prior to student teaching. Field experience is directly related to course work and is embedded in the education classes you must complete before student teaching. If you pass an education class you will have met the field experience hours required because you can not pass the class without doing the field experience. To document the field experience you will use a Field Experience Form and a time sheet. Forms are available from course instructors, in the Field Placement Office and can be downloaded from the Field Placement Office web site at: http://academic2.strose.edu/Education/fpa/Pages/FieldExp.htm.

The following public School Districts are restricted and require you to fill out an application through the College of St. Rose Field Placement Office. This application must be submitted to the Field Placement Office during the first 2 weeks of the semester to request field experience hours in the following districts.

Albany CSD  Schenectady CSD  South Colonie CSD
Bethlehem CSD  Amsterdam CSD  Cohoes CSD
Johnstown CSD  South Glens Falls  Ballston Spa High School **
Waldorf School (Saratoga)  LaSalle School (Albany)
School 12 (Troy)

PLEASE NOTE: Field Experience in a Catholic school will require a background check and a signed statement of conduct. A background check fee of $7.70 is required. Forms are available in the Field Placement Office but all paperwork and payments must be submitted to the Catholic Schools Office Located at 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.

You may contact all private and parochial schools in these districts on your own as well as any other non-restricted school districts.

Resources for contacting non-restricted schools:
- the phone book, the internet, the career center.
- http://www.strose.edu/Current_Students_and_Faculty/Career_Center
- www.rcdaschools.org/schools.htm

Contact Areas:
During your field experiences, you will also document your contact areas on the field experience form and fulfill New York State’s requirement for contacts in the following areas: (Note: Teachers may check these boxes on the form and initial them, to confirm the experience was obtained.)

Student(s) with a Disability: This is defined as a physical or learning disability that impacts the student’s learning. The student will typically have an IEP and the teacher hosting the field experience may be able to confirm there is a student with a disability in the class. The disability may be “unseen” (ie. learning disability).

High Needs School: This is a school building that has been designated high needs by the state. A High needs school is one where 50% or more of the students receive free or reduced lunch. You can search for high needs schools; remember to choose the 50% or more drop down box: http://portal.nysed.gov/pls/cn_port/mel3_pkg.elig_enroll_query

Parental Contact: Contact with a parent during your field experience in the role of an educator.

English Language Learner (ELL): Contact with a child that is labeled as an ELL student or a student whose parents speak a language other than English in the home and English is not the students 1st language. (Also, ESOL= English for Speakers of Other Languages or ESL=English as a Second Language).

Workshops:
During your program you will also be required to complete four zero-credit workshops prior to student teaching. You register for these workshops during registration with your other classes. Workshops are listed in the course offerings available online or in the Course Offerings booklets. This information is issued a week or two before the advisement/registration period of each semester.

The workshops are:
- EDU 102/602 Violence Prevention
- EDU 103/603 Child Abuse Prevention
- EDU 106/606 AIDS and Communicable Disease
- EPY 337/637 Substance Abuse

Do not rely on gossip for information; your advisor is the first person to seek out for your questions.
As always, you can stop in to the Field Placement and Advising Office if you have any questions. The Field Placement Office is located on the first floor of the Lally School of Education in the Deans Suite.