SUNY ONEONTA NAMED IN TOP 50 MASTER'S DEGREES FOR K-12 EDUCATION

ONEONTA, N.Y. – SUNY Oneonta's educational technology specialist (M.S.Ed.) program has been named among the Top 50 Master's in K-12 Education Degree Programs for 2021 by Intelligent.com. The complete Top 50 list can be found <u>online</u>.

Intelligent.com, a trusted resource for online degree rankings and higher education planning, created a comprehensive research guide based on an assessment of 299 programs at accredited colleges and universities throughout the nation.

The steady job growth in this market is one of the many reasons Intelligent.com researched and ranked the Top Master's in K-12 Education Degree Programs. Dr. Paul Bischoff, department chair, said SUNY Oneonta's educational technology specialist graduates are uniquely positioned to fill a widening gap in the field.

"Our program is proven to develop educational professional leaders who are committed to excellence, empowerment, diversity, and the best research-based teaching practices," said Dr. Bischoff. "And since the program is online, it allows for greater accessibility to those who want to take the next step in their careers."

Dr. Lee Graham, a faculty member in the program, said the program prepares graduates for rapid adaptation to emerging technologies. "The teacher-leaders become role models for managing, integrating, and adapting technologies for learning in the classroom. We focus on ongoing improvement and identification of potentially game-changing techniques and technologies, emphasizing the skills students need for a job market that does not yet exist."

SUNY Oneonta's graduates meet the educational requirements to be recommended for professional teaching certification. They are also eligible for initial certification as Educational Technology Specialists.

Intelligent's 2021 rankings are calculated through a scoring system that evaluates student engagement, the potential return on investment and leading third-party evaluations. The methodology also uses an algorithm that collects and analyzes multiple rankings into one score to easily compare each school.