

Sensei Ryan Sebesta began his training in the Harte Ju-Jitsu System with Sensei Ken Harte (Rokudan) in 1999, at the age of 12. Ryan worked diligently and continuously since that time, and earned his black-belt in October of 2005 at 17, making him Sensei Harte's youngest student to be promoted to the rank of Shodan. Ryan continues his training with Sensei Harte at the Santa Clarita Valley Dojo and is now an instructor conducting his own classes.

Ryan has had the privilege of studying under Black Belt Hall of Fame Members, Professor Gene LeBell and Gokor Chivichyan. Throughout his Ju-Jitsu training, Sensei Ryan explored several other martial arts. He trained in Hapkido for 3 years at the American Hapkido and Harte Ju-Jitsu Academy, and then later trained in Jeet Kune Do and Muay Thai for four years under Sifu Victor Del Rosario. Ryan has also trained with UFC Champions Pat Miletich, Bas Rutten, Kevin Randleman, and Pride Champion Dan Henderson.

Throughout his years of training Ryan has competed in many various competitions. He has competed and medaled in numerous grappling competitions including Grappler's Quest, Gene LeBell Championships and the Hayastan Grappling Challenge and has been the Absolute Grappling Champion numerous times. Ryan has also competed in several Pankration competitions and recently took third place in the California State Championships.

Sensei Ryan has become a consistent and important role model in Sensei Harte's Ju-Jitsu dojo. While he continues to learn and compete, Ryan's main enjoyment comes from teaching others the way of Harte Ju-Jitsu.