College of Education

Theoretical and Behavioral Foundations
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About the Wayne State College of Education

For more than a century, the Wayne State University College of Education has been preparing leaders in some of world’s most important professions. While our Teacher Education Division boasts one of the most comprehensive, well-established programs in the country, all four academic divisions offer a range of undergraduate and graduate degrees. Areas of study are as broad as instructional design, leadership and policy, kinesiology, and sports administration.

From the classroom to the laboratory, students in the College of Education have access to learning opportunities they will not find anywhere else. They regularly collaborate with faculty members at the forefront of their disciplines, working with emerging technologies and conducting cutting-edge research as undergraduates.

A world-class education is not confined to campus. That’s why community engagement is an essential part of our mission. Through partnerships with schools, hospitals, health service organizations, and school boards throughout Detroit and the metro area, students in the College of Education put their knowledge to work to better the community. Detroit’s history, culture and unparalleled economic resurgence make it one of the most fascinating places to learn. Every day at Wayne State, our students participate in the reinvention of a great American city.

With the emergence of online universities and fast-track degrees, employers continue to find graduates lacking the preparation necessary to meet the demands of their chosen careers. But you will not find any overnight degree programs in the College of Education — you will find a comprehensive learning experience backed by a rich tradition of academic excellence. Through innovative, research-based instruction in a stimulating urban environment, a Wayne State education will set you apart from your peers, providing access to life-changing opportunities and the skills to succeed in an ever-changing workforce.
Why Theoretical and Behavioral Foundations at Wayne State?

The Division of Theoretical and Behavioral Foundations’ (TBF) graduate degree programs use a hands-on, research-based curriculum to prepare students for a variety of professions in education, private industry and public agencies. Master’s degrees, specialist certificates and doctoral degrees lead our students to successful careers as school psychologists, career guidance specialists, school counselors, research and evaluation specialists, rehabilitation counselors, counseling psychologists, and more.

Average class size: 15

College of Education graduates in 2014 682
Degree programs

Counselor Education
- M.A. in Counseling
  - Art Therapy
  - Clinical Mental Health
  - School Counseling
- M.A. in Rehabilitation Counseling
- Education Specialist Certificate in Counseling
- Ph.D. in Counseling
- Ed.D. in Counseling

Educational Psychology
- Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis
- M.A. in School and Community Psychology
- M.A. in Counseling Psychology
- M.Ed. in Educational Psychology
- Ph.D. in Educational Psychology – Learning and Instruction Sciences

Educational Evaluation and Research
- M.Ed., Ed.D. and Ph.D. in Education Evaluation and Research

Course offerings by expert faculty on main campus, at satellite centers across metro Detroit, and online for traditional and nontraditional students
Faculty experts

Wayne State’s faculty members are leaders and pioneers in their fields. In counseling psychology, Dr. Francesca Pernice-Duca has worked with psychosocial/psychiatric mental health recovery communities since 1998. She is recognized both nationally and internationally for her expertise in the Clubhouse model of psychiatric recovery.

In school psychology, Dr. Cheryl Somers is known for her research on predictors of sexual, drug and academic risk-taking behaviors, as well as the effects of community violence exposure and trauma on academic learning and mental health. She also is an investigator in large projects examining the impact of school environmental and health interventions on academic learning, physical health and fitness, and mental health. Both Pernice-Duca and Somers serve on editorial boards for major journals, presenting and publishing their work extensively.
The student experience

Research
From the moment you set foot on campus, you have the opportunity to take part in cutting-edge research that impacts the community and, in many cases, the world at large — that’s something you won’t find at every university. Wayne State is a premier research institution, where students at all levels collaborate with renowned faculty researchers to enhance our understanding of the world. The College of Education is no exception. Whether in high-tech laboratories or out in the field, you will work alongside faculty members to study everything from psychometric teaching methods to peer predictors of academic resilience in children and much more.

Research in the counseling program works to determine student attitudes toward domestic abuse, grief counseling, and correlations between counseling theories and counseling skills. The program’s faculty members also are examining student retention in counseling programs and changes in student personalities after training.

Students collaborate with educational psychology faculty on research that covers a range of age groups and includes studies on school, family, and peer predictors of academic and behavioral resilience in children and adolescents. Research also analyzes systems-level predictors of individual mental health recovery.

Fast facts
- Students from 55 Michigan counties, 15 states and 8 countries in winter 2015.
- 9 Learning Communities to help undergraduate and graduate students connect and grow.
- College of Education alumni represent nearly a quarter of all school administrators in Michigan.
- Living alumni total: 62,689
  In Michigan: 44,328
  Internationally: 439

More than $3.4 million in research funding in 2014
The counseling psychology program was an ideal fit for me. We are taught to be integrative and gain a comprehensive understanding of the most effective therapeutic modalities. The staff has been incredibly knowledgeable and supportive — even the head of the department can be reached at any time for assistance. Every organization I’ve interviewed with has been impressed with my education, and I have received job offers from all of them.”

— Jonny Agius, educational psychology

Community engagement

The College of Education merges research with practice to engage in a variety of outreach projects with our partners and programs. The counselor education program offers free mental health services to university students, surrounding communities and the general public through an on-site clinic and student internships. Internship experiences offered through the program provide practical training for students and free, valuable resources for community agencies and school districts. Art therapy students work with youth in the community every week during the Saturday Art Therapy Workshop, and our faculty members regularly serve as consultants for school districts, community agencies and private companies.

While faculty members in the educational psychology program serve on advisory boards for state government bodies and community agencies, students join them by participating in extensive practicum and internship experiences that provide needed assessment, intervention and consultation services to communities in Detroit and the metro area.

The educational evaluation and research program has a faculty-student journal club, where students learn about research opportunities from faculty members, study the latest advances in the field and network with industry professionals. Many students collaborate with faculty on research and grant-writing initiatives, which frequently leads to publication in scholarly journals and opportunities in extramural grant work.
My master’s and doctoral degrees in school and community psychology and educational psychology have allowed me to work in a variety of settings. I work as a school psychologist with children and adolescents, in private practice conducting psychotherapy, and I’m also training future psychologists as an adjunct faculty member. The combination of my degrees has afforded me an incredibly versatile and rewarding professional life, and I would absolutely take this same path if I were to do it all over again.

— Lea Ann Raymo, Ph.D. ’15, educational psychology
Scholarships and financial aid

The College of Education offers an array of scholarships, fellowships and other financial aid opportunities to qualified students. Through the generosity of private donors, the College of Education provides eligible graduate and undergraduate students with more than 330 scholarships per academic year.

To learn more, visit coe.wayne.edu/admissions/scholarship.php.

The university also offers a large number of scholarship and financial aid opportunities in addition to College of Education awards. In fact, WSU awarded nearly $340 million in financial aid in 2014.

To learn about universitywide financial aid opportunities, visit wayne.edu/financial-aid.

- Scholarship awards of more than $510,000 for the 2015-16 academic year.
- More than 258 scholarships awarded for the 2015-16 academic year.
A degree that gets results

When you earn your degree from the Wayne State College of Education, you join a network of more than 62,000 successful alumni across the world. Graduating with a degree from the Division of Theoretical and Behavioral Foundations can lead to a number of fulfilling — and sometimes unexpected — career opportunities:

- Counselor education graduates are employed in human resources; customer service; private counseling clinics; hospitals; community agencies offering services in substance abuse, domestic violence, and family and child therapy; rehabilitation services; and public, private and charter schools.

- Educational psychology graduates are employed as therapists, school psychologists, human development researchers and autism intervention workers.

- Educational evaluation and research graduates are employed in quality control, higher education, hospital research, federal and state governments, and school district research programs.

Our alumni actively engage with current students and recent graduates, giving you access to valuable insights and resources that can help you find a job, advance your career or build relationships with established professionals in your field.