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, sports administration, educational psychology, and counseling.

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 is 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.
In the College of Education you 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 sets you apart from your peers, providing access to life-changing opportunities and the skills to succeed in an ever-changing workforce.

Why Teacher Education at Wayne State?

Wayne State’s Teacher Education Division (TED) focuses on the successful preparation of aspiring teachers and the building of a deeper curricular understanding in practicing teachers. Advanced degrees in the Teacher Education Division prepare individuals for positions in institutions of higher learning, education renewal centers, state and national education agencies, and K-12 school districts. You have the opportunity to earn initial certifications or additional endorsements in elementary, secondary and special education. You also benefit from instruction provided by professors with diverse research expertise and real-world classroom experience.

An innovative paired-placement model for teaching interns means you learn from and with other students in the field alongside instructors who offer support through coaching and collaboration. With classes offered on campus, at extension centers, through local school districts and online, our programs adapt to your schedule and learning needs. The Teacher Education Division at Wayne State University works hard to develop and support urban educators who are reflective, innovative and committed to diversity.

Average undergraduate class size: 18
Average overall class size: 15
College of Education graduates in 2014 682
Faculty experts

Wayne State’s faculty members are leaders and pioneers in their fields. Professor Susan Gabel’s research on exclusion and inclusion in education has been featured in numerous international journals and publications. She has also served as a Fulbright Specialist in New Zealand, where she worked with community groups, the New Zealand Ministry of Education and university faculty to help foster inclusive education throughout the country.

Associate Professor Geralyn Stephens has been a member of the College of Education faculty for more than 20 years. She has regularly been recognized for her work in online teaching and faculty support on a national and international level. She also is well known for her work in career and technical education, as demonstrated by her service across local, national and international platforms.

These two faculty members, along with their colleagues in the Teacher Education Division, share their accomplishments and unique experiences as they guide educators on their professional journeys.
Degree programs

B.A., B.S., M.A.T and Postbaccalaureate Programs
- Early Childhood/Elementary Education
- Secondary Education
- Special Education

Early Childhood/Elementary Education Subject Areas
- Bilingual-Bicultural Education
- English as a Second Language
- Health
- Integrated Science
- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- World Languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Italian and Spanish)

Secondary Education Certification Subject Areas
- Biology
- Bilingual-Bicultural Education
- Business, Management, Marketing and Technology
- Career and Technical Education
- Chemistry
- Earth/Space Science
- Economics
- English
- English as a Second Language
- History
- Integrated Science

Mathematics
- Marketing Education
- Physics
- Political Science
- Social Studies
- Speech
- Visual Arts Education
- World Languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Italian and Spanish)

M.Ed. Programs, Bridge Certificates and Endorsements
- Art Education
- Art Therapy
- Bilingual-Bicultural Education
- Career and Technical Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- English Education
- English as a Second Language
- Mathematics Education
- Reading
- Science Education
- Social Studies
- Special Education

Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) and Doctoral Programs (Ed.D. or Ph.D.)
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Reading, Language and Literature
- Special Education
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 early childhood social development to technological impacts on learning and much more.

Professor S. Asli Koca’s collaborative research on the effective use of technology to enhance mathematics teaching and learning has been featured in many national journals and publications. Teacher candidates in Koca’s methods courses use Smartpens — devices that record written notes along with surrounding audio — when working with K-12 students to better evaluate problem solving and mathematical thinking processes. Koca serves her field on a national level, and she applies her expertise to work with students on research that’s changing our understanding of mathematics education.

Learning Communities
Learning Communities give you the advantages of a small-college learning environment with the resources of a major research university. In Learning Communities, you can work closely with small groups of like-minded students — along with advanced student mentors and a faculty advisor — to study, socialize and problem solve. TED’s Doctoral Student Learning Community provides graduate students with a supportive network to help face the challenges of pursuing a
The teacher education program has provided a wonderful experience for me. One of the most important aspects of my educational experience is academic advising, and I couldn’t be more pleased to have such a wonderful advisor who goes above and beyond to ensure that my academic goals are reached. I am glad I chose Wayne State University to continue my educational path, and I look forward to what the future will bring.

— Tiffany Ward, elementary education
Community engagement
The College of Education merges research with practice to engage in a variety of outreach projects with our partners and programs. Through TeachDETROIT, a new urban teacher residency program, you can earn credits while working with children and families in hands-on methods courses held in Detroit schools. All classes are specifically designed for the program, with a strong focus on the resources and needs of the community.

The Teacher Education Division’s Office of Clinical Experiences connects you with a wide range of opportunities to put your knowledge to work in the community. In addition to partnerships with preK-12 schools in Detroit and the metro area, you will also have access to:

- An innovative paired-placement model for teaching interns that allows you to learn alongside your peers in the field.
- Experienced teachers who serve as mentors in classroom placements.
- University instructors who support interns through coaching and collaboration in the field.
- Guidance in developing your e-portfolio to use as a tool for finding a job.
- Digital tools and technology to document and grow your teaching practice.
- Professional seminars to enhance interview and résumé-writing skills.
- Capstone Conversation at end of student teaching to practice formal interviewing.

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.
- Living alumni total: 62,689
  - In Michigan: 44,328
  - Internationally: 439
Thanks to Wayne State University’s College of Education and their dedicated staff, I was able to complete my graduate degree in a very timely manner. The master of arts in teaching program gave me opportunities rich with involvement and diversity, and has prepared me to be an effective educator in any classroom setting. This program has provided me with valuable knowledge and experiences that I would not have been able to acquire anywhere else. WSU has truly brought out my inner Warrior.

— Deanna Rybarczyk, B.A. ’12
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 more than $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.
- 77% of College of Education undergraduate students receive some form of financial assistance.

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 in the state and around the world. 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.

College of Education alumni represent nearly a quarter of all school administrators in Michigan.