College of Education
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

TEACHER EDUCATION
THINK
EDUCATION
AT ILLINOIS.

Connect with transformative technology, research, teaching, and learning. Join great minds committed to changing the world through education.

WE’RE CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE STUDENT AT A TIME — JOIN US.
GREAT MINDS THINK ILLINOIS.
BECOME AN EDUCATOR

Our teacher licensure programs equip you with the 21st-century knowledge, skills, and sensibilities needed to teach and lead in today’s classrooms. With our focus on diversity, technology, and in-depth field work, you will be prepared to professionally engage with complex learning environments.

You will:

• Build relationships with children and their families.
• Develop a depth of knowledge across content areas including opportunities to earn additional endorsements such as English as a second language (ESL).
• Participate in school placements, in diverse environments, across the licensure range under the guidance of master teachers.
• Be mentored and evaluated by highly-skilled clinical supervisors.
• Have the opportunity to work with faculty on cutting-edge research and apply research-based strategies to classroom practice.
• Gain new perspectives on education through study abroad opportunities.

OUR STUDENTS

97% OF OUR 2020 GRADUATES
GET JOBS.
ARE EMPLOYED IN EDUCATION.
YOU CAN

Get your Bachelor of Science in:

Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Middle Grades Education
Special Education

OR

Get your Secondary Education Minor in:

Biology
Chemistry
Geology
English

History
Mathematics
Physics

Subsequent Endorsements Available in:

English as a Second Language
Bilingual
Middle Grade with Secondary Education Minor
Adjacent grade bands depending on major
Early Childhood Education: Birth—2nd grade
or Elementary Education: 1st—6th grade

You will:
• Acquire a deep understanding of child development.
• Participate in a four-semester professional sequence.
• Join a cohort-based model that promotes shared learning.
• Earn a pre-K Special Education approval.

Early Childhood Field Experience offers:
• Extensive experiences across the licensure range.
• Use of The Project Approach.
• Opportunities to serve students with disabilities.

Elementary Education Field Experience offers:
• Classroom placements across grade levels.
• A collaborative team placement.
• Independent teaching opportunities from early placement through student teaching.

Special Education: Ages K—21 years

You will:
• Participate in four semesters of clinical experiences across grade levels and disability areas.
• Attend weekly seminars that focus on current research and issues related to educating students with disabilities.
• Join a cohort-based model that promotes shared learning.
• Benefit from sustained faculty interaction and mentorship.

Special Education Field Experience offers:
• Comprehensive experiences across the licensure range, including four semesters of clinical experiences across all grade levels and disability areas.
• Extensive collaboration with general special educators, related service personnel, and families.
**Middle Grades Education:** 5th—8th grade

*With concentrations in Literacy, Science, Social Studies, and Math*

**You will:**
- Learn about contemporary middle school philosophies and practices.
- Participate in a unique professional education sequence.
- Obtain multiple content concentrations/endorsements.

**Middle Grades Education Field Experience offers:**
- Placement in classrooms across areas of concentration.
- Engagement in team and interdisciplinary teaching.
- Exposure to multiple classrooms and schools.

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**Secondary Education Minor**

Prepare to teach students in grades 9-12, teaching the subjects you are most passionate about, such as **Biology, Chemistry, Geology, English, History, Mathematics**, or **Physics**.

**You will:**
- Participate in a targeted professional education sequence.
- Complete rigorous courses aligned to teaching high school curriculum.

**Secondary Education Field Experience offers:**
- Placement in high school classrooms.
- Opportunities for individual teaching and co-teaching with peers.
- Exposure to multiple classrooms and schools.