PROGRAM FORMAT
• 37 required credit hours
• Alternative certification available for middle and secondary teachers.
• Program begins each summer.
• Courses are taken during two summers and one evening each week during the school year.
• Program completion in two years.
• School placement and mentor provided.
• Work with an instructional coach and university supervisor to receive real-time feedback on teaching methods.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Saint Louis University's unique Billiken Teacher Corps (BTC) program prepares faith-driven college graduates to:
• Serve. Have a transformative impact in under-resourced Catholic schools in the St. Louis area and embody the Jesuit mission of being men and women for others.
• Learn. Earn a Master of Arts in Teaching while receiving full tuition remission.
• Grow. Live in an intentional faith community with a cohort and participate in weekly spirituality nights, annual retreats, and community-building events.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES
• SLU’s B.A. in Education consists of 120-130 credits (depending on certification area), including an education core and content coursework.
• The program integrates Teacher Learning Communities (TLCs) throughout the program.
• Students enter a tight-knit community of faculty and peers committed to innovative learning, diversity, and the intellectual ideas of the Jesuit tradition.
• Students are prepared to practice “Cura Personalis” — care for the whole person — and work for social justice in their communities.
• Students will graduate prepared to collaborate with families, build classroom communities, have high expectations for all students, and advocate for social change.

PROGRAM HALLMARKS
• Provides a program unique to Saint Louis University that is grounded in Jesuit and Catholic values,
• Offers a unified undergraduate teacher education program into one program,
• Focuses on equity guided by inquiry for the purpose of advocacy,
• Embeds early and often field experiences supporting student discernment and preparation for application,
• Engages students in a yearlong internship/student teaching experience for all certification areas, and
• Offers certification through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

CERTIFICATION AREAS
• Early Childhood Education (Birth to Grade 3)
• Elementary Education (Grades 1 to 6)
• Middle School Education (Grades 5 to 9): Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Science
• Secondary Education (Grades 9 to 12): English, Math, Social Science
• Special Education for Mild/Moderate Disabilities (Kindergarten to Grade 12)

CAREERS
Most graduates elect to pursue a career in teaching. After entering the workforce, many choose to continue their studies in a graduate program.
APPLICATION INFORMATION

Undergraduate students may apply to the School of Education either at the time of their admission to the University or upon completion of at least 15 credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.75. Once accepted into the School of Education, students are assigned an academic advisor. After declaring their certification area, students are also assigned a faculty mentor and a student mentor.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

• Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership, and financial need.

• Financial aid is provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For information on SLU scholarships and financial aid, contact Student Financial Services at slu.edu/financial-aid.

The School of Education also offers the “Grow Your Own Teachers” scholarship that supports promising future educators.

This scholarship is awarded based on academic record, financial need and a commitment to teaching in the St. Louis region. For more information about this scholarship, contact us at slued@slu.edu.