DEGREE(S)

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Education
- Four areas of concentration in the disciplines:
  - Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 3)
  - Early Childhood with Early Childhood Special Education (Birth-Grade 3)
  - Elementary (Grades 1-6)
  - Elementary (Grades 1-6) with Special Education for Mild/Moderate Disabilities (K-12)
- Minors in Education, Special Education and Catholic Education

ABOUT THE FACULTY

Our faculty members take a genuine interest in students and serve as strong role models of success. We acquaint students with the joys and challenges of the profession. We seek an appropriate balance between theory and practice, between action and reflection, and between intellect and affect. Our faculty also brings professional experience to the classroom by connecting students to local schools and specific professionals in the field. Faculty in the School of Education are always seeking new and innovative ways to connect our students with, and provide experiences in, local schools.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The main objective of all programs is to prepare dedicated, reflective scholar practitioners who exhibit the knowledge, skills, and dispositions embedded in the conceptual framework of the School. As reflective scholar practitioners, the shared values that guide our School include social justice, cura personalis, excellence, integrity and trust, and respect. Students are prepared to be reflective educators who are able to implement educational programs consistent with their areas of expertise.

Our location allows students to become actively engaged in classrooms and educational programs across rural, urban and suburban/public and private settings.

The School has instituted the “block” concept into the teacher education program. The first block addresses classroom observation, learning theories, examining schools as social systems, and human growth and development. Block two examines culture and pedagogy. The remaining blocks include methods of teaching in and across content areas and lesson and unit design. The culmination of the program is a semester long student teaching experience.

CURRICULUM

Students develop strong understanding in foundations of teaching, diversity and inclusion, teaching and learning styles, exceptionalism, and methods and practice.

Foundations of Teacher Education

Students will learn about the history and philosophy of education and the interconnectedness of schools and communities. Students will gain real world exposure in a variety of classroom settings. Coursework will be combined with fieldwork to give students the opportunity to see theory applied to practice.

Diversity, Teaching & Learning and Exceptionalism

Students will learn about classroom environments, school settings and strategies for teaching and learning. Students will be introduced to current issues in education as well as universally designed instructional practices. In keeping with our commitment to diversity and social justice, students will explore theoretical understandings of diverse environments and apply these understandings in culturally appropriate practice.

Methods and Practice

Through facilitated engagement students will continually assess and refine their skills, knowledge and dispositions by engaging during field experiences. Students will implement lesson plans, in multiple settings across schools and across grade levels. Students take part in planning, instruction and assessment activities under the direct supervision of classroom teachers and university supervisors. Students will apply methods and theories of teaching, implement effective strategies for teaching and learning, self-assess teaching practices and develop a personal teaching philosophy.
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the Office of Student Financial Services online at slu.edu/financial-aid.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted into the teacher certification program, students must:
+ Earn a 2.75 cumulative GPA
+ Earn 3.0 GPA in all professional education and in their content area
+ Have a passing score on the MOGEA (Missouri General Educator Assessment)
+ Complete the Teacher Candidate Assessment of Dispositions

In addition, to be certified in the state of Missouri, students must:
+ Pass the MOCA (Missouri Content Assessment) in the student’s chosen area
+ Complete and pass the MEES (Missouri Educator Evaluation System)
+ Complete a program portfolio

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

The School of Education is committed to the interdisciplinary preparation of undergraduate and graduate students for professions in order to serve as reflective scholar practitioners and leaders in partnership with and for the human community. The School is dedicated to the pursuit of truth and excellence in all academic pursuits. The School embraces innovative learning through commitment to diversity and social justice guided by the spiritual and intellectual ideals of the Jesuit tradition. The School advances the University’s mission by its research and service to family, school, and community.

Career Options
Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education
+ Child care specialist
+ Preschool teacher
+ Teacher, kindergarten through third grade

Elementary Education
+ Teacher, first through sixth grade

Elementary with Special Education for Mild/Moderate Disabilities
+ Teacher, first through sixth grade
+ Special education teacher, kindergarten through twelfth grade
+ Learning consultant

Other Career Options
+ Educational Outreach Specialist
+ Private tutor
+ Nonprofit specialist
+ Arts and Education Program Coordinator

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Graduate Programs
SLU’s School of Education offers multiple master’s and doctorate programs. See slu.edu/education/degrees for a full listing of programs.

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