

# Education

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Elementary Education  
Secondary Education  
Master of Education

- Study options**
- Elementary education
  - Secondary education (requires the completion of a second major in art, biology, business education, chemistry, English, history, mathematics, music, physical education, psychology or Spanish)
  - 17 endorsements: Birth Through 3rd Grade Inclusive Setting ▪ Coaching ▪ Early Childhood ▪ Elementary Art, Music, Physical Education and Spanish ▪ Elementary Basic Science ▪ Elementary English ▪ Elementary History ▪ Elementary Math ▪ Elementary Social Studies ▪ Elementary and Secondary TESL ▪ Instructional Strategist 1: Mild and Moderate Elementary and Secondary ▪ Instructional Strategist I: Mild and Moderate Elementary ▪ Instructional Strategist I: Mild and Moderate Secondary ▪ Middle School ▪ Music Teaching ▪ Reading ▪ Secondary Basic Science

**Faith focus** Our “Teacher as Servant” philosophy is Christ-centered and student-focused. It prepares you to see and teach every student as a precious image-bearer of God.

- A+ classroom experience**
- **Field experience.** The more experience you have observing and acting as a teacher, the more confident and effective you’ll be when you get your own classroom. You’ll spend more than 100 hours in area classrooms before you even student teach.
  - **Student teaching.** Most education majors student teach within a 50-mile radius of campus, but you can also teach in urban schools through the Chicago or Denver Urban semesters, and Northwestern students have even taught overseas.

**Accreditation** Northwestern’s education department is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and the Iowa Department of Education. That means our program meets high standards for coursework and field experiences, and our performance-based outcomes ensure you have every opportunity to become an effective teacher.

**ACEI recognition** Our elementary education program has earned national recognition from the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI).

- Expert profs + personal attention**
- Our 7 full-time professors have experience in both public and private schools and with diverse grade levels, disciplines and settings, including missionary schools and schools on military bases.
  - Northwestern professors will mentor you through every stage of your journey to becoming a teacher, from applying to the Teacher Education Program during your sophomore year to applying for licensure when you’re a senior.

**Award-winning education** Among Northwestern’s education alumni are many award-winning teachers, including Krissa Hetletvedt, the Omaha Education Association’s Rookie of the Year in 2015. Krissa says, “You always hear horror stories from first-year teachers who were beyond stressed. I’ve never felt that way, and I think it’s due to the preparation and training I received at Northwestern.”

**Unlimited career opportunities** Our grads are teaching in educational settings around the world: Bergman Academy, Des Moines ▪ Bingham Academy, Ethiopia ▪ Keisen University, Japan ▪ Kinsey Elementary School, Sioux Center, IA ▪ Lower Brule Day School, SD Native American Reservation ▪ Minneapolis Charter Schools ▪ Oak Harbor Middle School, Washington ▪ Poly Language Institute, South Korea ▪ West Lyon High School, Iowa



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