



# Education

Elementary Education  
Secondary 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 a 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 can student teach overseas in international schools around the world.

**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.
  - All of the education professors have also taught in Northwestern's Master of Education program.

**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 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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