Education

Teacher as servant. That’s the philosophy of Northwestern’s education program, where you’ll learn in student-centered courses. You’ll also get experience in area classrooms as you earn your degree—beginning with your first year of college—until your final “test”: student teaching.

Study options

- **Elementary education** majors choose from among 15 endorsements, including all subject areas as well as coaching, early childhood, reading, special education and teaching English as a second language (TESL).
- Students seeking certification as a **secondary education** teacher major in the subject area they wish to teach. They can also choose from among 13 endorsements, including coaching, special education and TESL.

Faculty

Northwestern’s education professors have experience teaching a variety of ages in a variety of classroom settings. Under their mentorship, you’ll discover how you can demonstrate your faith in the classroom and have a lasting impact on your students’ learning and lives.

CAEP accreditation

Northwestern is one of only 4 colleges in Iowa to be accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), the country’s leading accrediting agency for teacher education. For you, our “A” grade means most states will certify you to teach without additional course work.

Heading to class

The more experience you have observing and acting as a teacher, the more confident and effective you’ll be when you land your first teaching job. Nearly every education class includes a field experience with students in area K-12 schools or public libraries, so that by the time you are given a student-teaching assignment, you’ll already have spent 100 hours in educational settings.

Most education majors do their student teaching at schools within a 50-mile radius of campus, but you can also student teach in urban settings through participation in the Chicago Semester or Denver Semester. Northwestern education majors have even done their student-teaching assignments overseas in places like Ethiopia, Germany, Guatemala and New Zealand.

Lifelong learners

Northwestern education graduates are award-winning teachers in preschool through high school and beyond. Many are now principals and superintendents. They live and teach all over the U.S. and in a number of overseas countries, including Bahrain, Honduras and Japan.

NWC education alumni also earn their Master of Education degrees through Northwestern’s online program with options in early childhood education, master teacher, special education and teacher leadership. Graduate-level endorsements are also available.

To learn more about our professors and students, and see what graduates are doing:

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