



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Be part of something great—the University of Minnesota

EDUCATION

Are you confident, patient, and creative? Do you get satisfaction from sharing your ideas with others? Do you enjoy building relationships with people of all ages? If so, a career in education might be a fantastic fit for you. Educators play a vital role in the development and success of our communities.

You can prepare for a career as a teacher, role model, and guide at one of the nation's top public research universities!

Great Academics

The University of Minnesota has a distinctive approach to educating future teachers; many of our teaching licensure programs are offered at the graduate level. That means that most students interested in education first earn a bachelor's degree and then complete a 15-month master of education (M.Ed.)/initial licensure program in the University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development (CEHD).

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

First-year majors

If you are interested in one of these majors, you may enter the major program in your freshman year.

- Foundations of education (premajor)
- Kinesiology (premajor)
- Work and human resource education (premajor)
- Child Psychology
- Family Social Science

Upper-division majors

If you are interested in one of the following majors, you would begin your major program in your junior year of college.

- Agricultural education
- Business and marketing education
- Career and technical education
- Foundations of education: early childhood (prelicensure)
- Foundations of education: elementary (prelicensure)
- Human resource development

- Kinesiology
- Music education
- Recreation, park, and leisure studies
- Sport studies
- Technology education

Minors

- Coaching
- Family social science
- Family violence prevention
- Leadership
- Social justice
- Youth studies

MASTER'S DEGREES

- Adult Education
- Agricultural Education
- Art Education
- Business and Marketing Education
- Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education
- Elementary Education
- English Education
- Environmental Education
- Family Education
- Industrial Education
- Mathematics Education
- Music Education
- Physical Education
- Science Education
- Second Languages and Cultures
- Social Studies Education
- Special Education



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Do you dream of being a high school teacher?

Explore your passion! We recommend that you major in the subject area you wish to teach. Then, you would complete a 15-month licensure program after graduation.



To learn more about the various paths that lead to a teaching license, visit <http://www.education.umn.edu/fields>.

CAREERS AND INTERNSHIPS

The education field abounds with fulfilling and exciting careers working with students. Popular education careers include:

- Academic Adviser (higher education)
- Counselor (higher education)
- Dean of Students (higher education)
- Early Childhood Educator
- Elementary School Teacher
- High School Guidance Counselor
- High School Teacher
- Principal
- Professor
- Superintendent

To help prepare you for these careers, the U of M offers student teaching and practicum experiences.

- As a practicum teacher, you will observe and participate in informal teaching activities at a nearby school. Practicum experiences are usually linked to one of your courses.
- As a student teacher, you will gain hands-on experience needed to become a primary teacher. Your responsibilities include planning, instruction, and assessment of students.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN COMMUNITIES

The University of Minnesota is improving reading skills in Minnesota schools through federally-funded Reading Excellence Act (REA) workshops. University of Minnesota faculty work with teachers from 24 schools to discuss new technologies and innovative ways to teach children how to read.

“This program is showing us a whole new way—we’re using study groups, collaboration, sharing,” says Ann Evenson, a CEHD alumna and literacy coordinator for the REA program at her school in Maple Grove. “[Teachers] discovered that the college respects grassroots knowledge and wants to incorporate home-grown aspects with effective research on literacy teaching and learning.”

Evenson says the REA program is making a difference at Fair Oaks Elementary School, a school with high levels of poverty and English language learners. “On every level, our site has shown great improvement in effectiveness, not just in our reading scores—that’s just one piece—but also in our sense of professionalism, our overall school effectiveness, our ability to connect every person working with a child to one another so we’re truly working together for that child,” says Evenson.

Great Opportunities

Study Abroad

To prepare you for life in a global society, the U of M actively encourages studying abroad. Working or learning in a foreign country will build your skills, confidence, and cultural awareness as you enter a diverse world. The Learning Abroad Center offers more than 300 programs in 67 countries, from Nepal or Tanzania to Australia or Mexico.

Freshman Seminars

Designed to enhance your first-year experience, Freshman Seminars are an incredible way to launch your university career. You’ll learn about education from some of the most distinguished faculty at the University of Minnesota, while getting to know other first-year students who share your interests. Recent topics include *Child Delinquency: Huck Finn or Pathway to Prison*; *The World of Reading*; and *Urban Literacy in Reading and Math*.

Mentor Program

Mentor programs at the University give you the opportunity to explore career options, meet experienced professionals, and gain helpful information for making academic and career decisions. You are matched with a volunteer mentor who is a friend or alumnus of the University. After orientation and training, you and your mentor meet regularly during the academic year and participate in various activities sponsored by the University and your college’s mentor program.

Research Opportunities

Imagine participating in a research program with world-class experts, and getting paid to do it! As a student in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), you’ll conduct paid research or pursue special projects beyond your regular courses. A recent student-research project involved mapping neurological processes in children. The project was supervised by a distinguished professor from CEHD’s Institute for Child Development.



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Campus Involvement

Students at the U of M belong to a vibrant, close-knit community. With more than 600 student organizations on campus, it's easy to connect with others who share your interests. Consider these groups:

- Meet education and human development students at the University of Minnesota through the Association of Students in Education and Human Development. Plan and participate in events that promote education and human development in the Twin Cities, while networking and learning valuable career information.
- Volunteer with the America Reads program and tutor elementary-aged children at a local school or community site. Read stories, play games centered around literacy skills, and provide support and encouragement to children.
- Promote the success and well-being of local children and teens through the Alliance for Children and Youth. Work on a team of caring adults to reach out to the local community.

Great Location

The thriving University of Minnesota–Twin Cities campus stretches over 1,150 acres in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Nestled around the scenic Mississippi River, the Minneapolis campus sits under the shadow of a sparkling downtown skyline. The nearby St. Paul campus is home to rolling green space and historic architecture. Minneapolis and St. Paul city centers are just minutes from the University of Minnesota, and students also enjoy easy entrée to unique campus neighborhoods like Dinkytown, Stadium Village, Seven Corners, and St. Anthony Park.

Excellence in Local Schools

- Since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has named 81 Minnesota schools “Blue Ribbon Schools,” considered to be centers for educational excellence.
- The graduation rate in Minnesota is nearly 18 percent higher than the national rate, consistently ranking among the top states in the nation.

MEET US IN PERSON!

Like what you see so far? Come meet us in person! There's no better way to learn about the University of Minnesota. As you tour our breathtaking Twin Cities campus and meet our friendly staff and students, you'll see for yourself why the U of M is the perfect place to launch your career in education. We'd be happy to customize your visit to your interests. Schedule your visit today!

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