School of Education 2023-2024

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Description
Originally established in 1925, the School of Education is the academic home for all baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate programs in education at Saint Louis University. As a school within a Catholic, Jesuit institution, the School of Education offers its students an excellent professional education.

The main objective of all programs is to prepare dedicated, reflective scholar-practitioners who exhibit the knowledge, skills, and dispositions embedded in the school’s conceptual framework. As reflective scholar-practitioners, the core values that guide our school include cura personalis, trust and integrity, social justice, growth and transformation, and reflective practice. Students are prepared to be reflective educators who can implement educational programs consistent with their areas of expertise.

The School of Education is committed to the interdisciplinary preparation of undergraduate and graduate students for professions to serve as reflective scholar-practitioners and leaders in partnership with and for the human community. The school is dedicated to truth and excellence in all academic pursuits. The school embraces innovative learning through a 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.

About Our Programs
Undergraduate Degrees in Education
The School of Education has developed undergraduate programs that meet the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) requirements for the following areas:

• Early Childhood Education (Birth to Grade 3)
• Elementary Education (Grades 1 to 6)
• Special Education for Mild/Moderate Disabilities (Kindergarten to Grade 12)
• Middle School Education (Grades 5 to 9)

• Language Arts
• Mathematics
• Science
• Social Science
• Secondary Education (Grades 9 to 12)
• English
• Mathematics
• Social Science

Course offerings provide students with classroom and field-based experiences essential to the learning process. Programs are approved by Missouri DESE. Successful completion of a four-year program portfolio development is required for certification. Background checks are required prior to field-based experiences.

Graduate Degrees in Education
The School of Education graduate programs offer degrees in curriculum and instruction, education policy and equity, educational leadership, and higher education administration. The school offers the following degrees:

• M.A.
• M.A.T.
• Ed.S.
• Ed.D.
• Ph.D.

In addition, the educational leadership programs meet Missouri DESE requirements for certification for the principalship, director of special education and superintendency.

The following programs are approved by Missouri DESE: K-12 principal, director of special education, and superintendent of schools.

The M.A.T. degree is structured to fulfill Missouri DESE requirements for alternative route teacher certification in middle and secondary education certification areas.

Catholic Education
The School of Education’s Institute for Catholic Education partners with the educational leadership program to offer an M.A. and Ed.D. educational leadership concentration focused on leading Catholic elementary, middle, and high schools and systems.

Undergraduate
• Education, B.A. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/education/undergraduate-programs/education-ba/)
• Education, Minor (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/education/undergraduate-programs/education-minor/)

Graduate
• Advanced Literacy Methods, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/education/curriculum-instruction/advanced-literacy-methods-pbc/)
• Curriculum and Instruction, Ph.D. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/education/curriculum-instruction/curriculum-instruction-phd/)
• Disability Administration in Higher Education, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/education/
higher-education-administration/disability-administration-higher-
education/)
• Education Policy and Equity, Ph.D. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-
schools/education/educational-foundations/education-policy-and-
equity-phd/)
• Education Principles and Practices, M.A. (https://catalog.slu.edu/
colleges-schools/education/curriculum-instruction/education-
principles-practices-ma/)
• Educational Equity, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (https://
catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/education/curriculum-instruction/
educational-equity-pbc/)
• Educational Leadership, Ed.D. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-
schools/education/educational-leadership/educational-leadership-
edd/)
• Educational Leadership, Ed.S. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-
schools/education/educational-leadership/educational-leadership-
education-specialist/)
• Educational Leadership, M.A. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-
schools/education/educational-leadership/educational-leadership-
ma/)
• Educational Leadership, M.A. & Business Administration, M.B.A. 
Dual Degree (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/education/
educational-leadership/educational-leadership-ma-mba-dual/)
• Educational Leadership, Ph.D. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-
schools/education/educational-leadership/educational-leadership-
phd/)
• Higher Education Administration, Ph.D. (https://catalog.slu.edu/
colleges-schools/education/higher-education-administration/higher-
education-administration-phd/)
• Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration, M.A. (https://
catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/education/higher-education-
administration/higher-education-student-affairs-administration/)
• Inclusive Practice, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (https://
catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/education/curriculum-instruction/
inclusive-practice-pbc/)
• Teaching, M.A. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/education/
curriculum-instruction/teaching-ma/)

Faculty

Additional Faculty Information (https://www.slu.edu/education/faculty/)

Cameron Anglum, Ph.D.
Jennifer Buehler, Ph.D.
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Karen I. Hall, Ed.D.
Christa Jackson, Ph.D.
Donna Jahnke, Ph.D.
John James, Ed.D.
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