

# TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

## Leadership

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## Theoretical and Conceptual Framework

Saint Louis University's Bachelor of Arts in Education program aims to develop reflective teacher candidates educated in the liberal tradition and committed to service, inquiry and value-centered learning. The program also seeks to prepare students who want to obtain a sound education background and develop leadership qualities including risk-taking, civic responsibility and ethical character.

The main objective of all SLU's education programs is to prepare dedicated, reflective scholar-practitioners who exhibit the knowledge, skills and dispositions embedded in the conceptual framework of the school. The shared values that guide the School of Education include social justice, *cura personalis* (care for the whole person), excellence, integrity and trust, respect, engagement and participation. Students are prepared to be reflective educators who can implement educational programs consistent with their areas of expertise.

The School of Education's mission and values, along with Ignatian Pedagogy and Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Systems Theory, provide the foundation and conceptual frame for the program. From these foundational perspectives, five Compass Themes — Sense of Identity, Sense of Purpose, Sense of Context, Sense of Inquiry and Sense of Praxis — provide key learning outcomes and are the driving force of the curriculum.

## Program Hallmarks

Saint Louis University's Bachelor of Arts in Education program is grounded in Jesuit and Catholic values. It:

- Offers a unified undergraduate teacher education program with all concentration areas integrated into one program
- Focuses on equity guided by inquiry for the purpose of advocacy
- Embeds early and often field experiences supporting student discernment and preparation for application
- Integrates Teacher Learning Communities (TLCs) throughout the program
- Engages students in a year-long internship/student teaching experience for all certification areas

## Concentrations

Saint Louis University's Bachelor of Arts in Education program offers the following concentration areas:

- Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 3)
- Elementary (Grades 1-6)
- Special Education for Mild/Moderate Disorders (Kindergarten-Grade 12)
- Middle School (Grades 5-9)
  - Language Arts
  - Mathematics

- Science
- Social Science
- Secondary (Grades 9-12)
  - English
  - Mathematics
  - Social Sciences

## Programs

- 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/>)