

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

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The Department of Teaching and Learning offers innovative, transformative, research-based teacher preparation and educator professional learning pathways. Our nationally recognized programs integrate theory with practical, real-world experience to cultivate reflective, skilled, equity-driven professionals committed to the diverse learners in today's dynamic educational environments.

Whether you are an aspiring teacher pursuing initial licensure or a seasoned educator advancing your expertise, the Department of Teaching and Learning provides flexible program options - including undergraduate degrees, accelerated bachelor's-to-master's pathways, master's degrees, doctoral study specializations, and graduate certificates - designed to meet you where you are and take you where you want to go. Courses are offered in formats that support working professionals, with field-based and hands-on experiences embedded throughout to connect theory to the realities of classroom practice.

Our offerings span a wide range of focus areas to serve the full breadth of today's educational landscape, including programs in Elementary Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Inclusive Early Childhood Education, Literacy Education, Math Education Leadership, Secondary Education, World Language Education, Health and Physical Education, and Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning. Students may also pursue concentrations and graduate certificates in high-need areas such as Diversity and Exceptionality in PK-12 Schools; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); Gifted Education; and AI Teaching and Learning.

For those seeking teacher licensure, the department prepares candidates for initial and add-on endorsements across grade bands and content areas. Graduate certificates offer efficient pathways to licensure for career changers and post-baccalaureate students. For educators seeking to deepen their practice without pursuing licensure, the department's non-licensure master's and certificate programs offer advanced study in curriculum and instruction.

Together, these pathways reflect the Department of Teaching and Learning's commitment to preparing professionals who are not only content-ready, but also culturally responsive, equity-centered, and prepared to make a lasting impact on the learners and communities they serve.

Faculty

Department Faculty

Professors

Jered Borup, Lois Groth, Marjorie Haley, April Mattix Foster, Audra Parker, Seth Parsons, Erin Peters-Burton, Joan Shin, Bweikia Steen, Jennifer Suh, Kristien Zenkov

Associate Professors

Courtney Baker, Dominique Banville, Mandy Bean, Stephanie Dodman, Jennifer Drake Patrick, Daniel Ferguson, Carley Fisher-Maltese, Andrew Gilbert, Dawn Hathaway, Jennifer Hathaway, Nancy Holincheck, Sujin Kim, Elizabeth Levine-Brown, Risto Marttinen, Allison Ward Parsons, Kathy Ramos, Farnoosh Shahrokhi, Colleen Vesely, Theresa Wills

Assistant Professors

Samita Arora, Nora El-Bilawi, Erin Geiger, Holly Glaser, Lynda Herrera, Leslie La Croix, Andrew Porter

Senior Instructors

Luanne Norden

Instructors

Nancy Jacobson, Charlene O'Brien

Programs

- Conflict Resolution Education Minor (CEHD)
- Critical Studies in Education Graduate Certificate
- Curriculum and Instruction, MEd
- Early Childhood Education (PK-3) Licensure Graduate Certificate
- Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners Minor
- Early Childhood Special Education Licensure Graduate Certificate
- Elementary Education, BSEd
- Elementary Education, MEd
- Gifted Education Graduate Certificate
- Inclusive Early Childhood Education, BSEd
- Inclusive Early Childhood Education, MEd
- Learning Technologies Graduate Certificate (TLR)
- Literacy Education, MEd
- Literacy / Reading Instruction Graduate Certificate
- Personal Health and Wellness Minor
- Physical Education, BSEd
- Secondary Education Licensure Graduate Certificate
- Secondary Education, BSEd
- Secondary Education, MEd
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) for PK-12 Practitioners Graduate Certificate