

# Educator Preparation Program

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The **Educator Preparation Program** at Iowa State University is a shared academic program that spans three colleges – the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Human Sciences, and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – and seven academic units. The mission of the preparation program at Iowa State is fundamentally grounded in the land grant mission of community access and opportunity and prepares teachers as continuous learners, collaborators, and transformational leaders. We believe educators can have a monumental impact on the development and well-being of children, community members, and society through strong pre-service/in-service training and ongoing professional development.

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Early Childhood Education - Unified
- B.S. in Elementary Education with the following endorsement area options: art, English/language arts, English as a second language, health, history, mathematics, science, social studies, special education (Instructional Strategist I), Spanish, speech
- Secondary education teacher licensure areas: agricultural education, biology, chemistry, earth sciences, English, family and consumer sciences, health education, history-social sciences, mathematics, physics, world languages and cultures (French, German, and Spanish)
- K-12 education teacher licensure areas: music, physical education
- Additional endorsement areas: coaching, English as a second language, general science, physical science, reading, speech communication, world languages and cultures (Chinese, Latin, and Russian); elementary education majors can also receive an additional endorsement in any of areas listed above
- Minor in Learning Technologies

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
- Graduate Teacher Licensure Areas: Agriculture Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Mathematics Education, Physical Education, Secondary Science Education, Educational Administration

## STUDENT BODY

- 1,609 undergraduate students
- 66 graduate students seeking a certificate, M.A.T, M.Ed., or Ph.D. in teacher or administrator licensure

## ON THE CUTTING EDGE

- The 2010 Iowa and National Teacher of the Year, Sarah Brown Wessling, is an alumna of Iowa State's teacher education program.
- Since 2003, eight Iowa State M.A.T. secondary science graduates have received the National Science Teachers Association's Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers — an award given to up to 25 teachers nationwide for exceptional science teaching within their first five years in the classroom.
- The Iowa State teacher education program places students in the classroom as soon as their first semester. This early observational field experience helps students decide if teaching is the right career for them.
- Students in the teacher education program spend at least 700 hours observing and teaching in PreK-12 classrooms, culminating in a semester-long, full-time student teaching experience, in Iowa and states across the nation, as well as countries around the world.
- The Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers learning community is tailored to incoming freshman students in the College of Human Sciences. Each fall, more than 100 teacher education majors in the learning community support each other as they share classes, study groups, and the Iowa State experience.