

College of Education and Human Development

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The College of Education & Human Development (CEHD), established in 1868, includes the oldest teacher preparation program west of the Mississippi River. Today, the college prepares and supports professionals in education, information, lifespan, and intervention sciences that improve the quality of life and economic development for the people of Missouri, the nation and the world. The college's mission is fulfilled by taking a comprehensive, collaborative approach across a wide range of disciplines and professions, including educator preparation, leadership, counseling, early childhood education, special education, higher education, public policy, family and lifespan development, and information sciences and technology. CEHD offers a number of undergraduate (<https://cehd.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/undergraduate-degrees/>) and graduate degrees (<https://cehd.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/graduate-degrees/>), as well as certificates and minors (<https://cehd.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/certificates-minors/>).

The college is a national leader in the preparation of educators with its top-rated graduate degree programs and a teacher preparation program that emphasizes early hands-on field experiences for future teachers. CEHD serves the educational community through research-based professional practice and a variety of learning constructs applied to real-world experiences. The college is a member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). All programs are fully accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

All programs that prepare students for certification by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) (<https://dese.mo.gov/>) are fully approved by the State Board of Education. Furthermore, DESE accredits all teacher certification programs at MU. As the Office of Educator Quality at DESE continuously works with stakeholder groups to redesign the standards for educator preparation including certification requirements, changes are communicated to students through individual advising sessions or other university communications. Policies for undergraduate and graduate degrees in CEHD can be found in the Faculty and Academic Policy Manual (<https://cehd.missouri.edu/faculty-staff/>).

Undergraduate

Undergraduate degrees (<https://cehd.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/undergraduate-degrees/>) in the College of Education & Human Development include the Bachelor of Educational Studies (BES), Bachelor of Science (BS) in Human Development and Family Science

(HDFS), and Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) degrees that prepare students for teacher certification. The college also offers undergraduate certificates and minors (<https://cehd.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/certificates-minors/>).

Requirements for the BSEd degree are completed through Early, Mid-Level and Advanced-Level Experiences. Early experiences and general education requirements are typically completed during the first two years of the undergraduate experience. All students who meet the minimum admission requirements to MU and declare Education as a major are admitted into Early Experiences. To be admitted to Mid-Level and Advanced-Level Experiences in the BSEd program, students must demonstrate competence in the areas they have studied and provide evidence of readiness.

For more information on undergraduate degree program policies, please see the CEHD Faculty and Academic Policy Manual (<https://cehd.missouri.edu/faculty-staff/>).

Graduate

Expand your career opportunities by pursuing graduate studies in the MU College of Education & Human Development. A range of online and face-to-face professional and graduate degrees (<https://cehd.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/graduate-degrees/>) as well as certificates and minors (<https://cehd.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/certificates-minors/>) are available.

CEHD faculty members provide a rich learning environment through their innovative teaching and cutting-edge research. Choosing the right college for graduate studies is not an easy or simple decision. We invite you to visit our website (<https://cehd.missouri.edu/>) or the MU Columbia campus to meet our faculty, staff, and current students to find out more about the College of Education & Human Development.

Note: Prospective graduate students must apply to *both* the degree program of interest and to the MU Graduate School. To locate admission and application details for each graduate degree program, click here (<https://cehd.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/graduate-degrees/>).