

# College of Education and Human Development

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The College of Education and Human Development, established in 1868, is the oldest teacher preparation program west of the Mississippi River. Today's MU graduates are employed in a variety of educational institutions and non-school settings. The college 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. All programs are fully accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

The College of Education and Human Development (<https://education.missouri.edu/>) has a number of undergraduate (<https://education.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/undergraduate-degrees/>) and graduate (<https://education.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/graduate-degrees/>) programs. All programs that lead to earning a certificate by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) (<https://dese.mo.gov/>) are fully approved by the State Board of Education. DESE accredits all teacher certification programs at MU. The Office of Educator Quality at DESE is working with representative stakeholder groups to redesign the standards for educator preparation including certification requirements. These changes and implementation schedule are communicated to students through individual advising sessions or other university communications.

## Academic Policy Manual

Policies for Undergraduate and Graduate Education majors can be found in the Faculty and Academic Policy Manual (<https://education.missouri.edu/faculty-staff/>). Admission requirements to Mid-Level Experiences for Undergraduate & Initial Teaching Certification can also be found in the Faculty and Academic Policy Manual.

## Undergraduate

Undergraduate degrees (<https://education.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/undergraduate-degrees/>) in the College of Education & Human Development include Bachelor of Science in Education degrees leading to Teacher Certification, a Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Science, and a Bachelor of Educational Studies. The College also offers two undergraduate minors, one in Education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofeducation/additionalcertificatesminors/minor-education/>) and one in Human Development and Family Science (<https://hdfs.missouri.edu/degrees/minor/>).

## Policy for Admission to Mid-Level and Advanced-Level Experiences for Undergraduate and Initial Teacher Certification

1. Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Education degree are completed through Early, Mid-Level and Advanced-Level Experiences. After degree completion, students can continue to engage in Professional-Level Experiences. Early experiences and general education requirements are typically completed during the first two year 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 of the program, student must demonstrate competence in the areas they have studied. To be admitted to the Mid-Level portion of the program, student must provide evidence of readiness.

Baseline criteria for admittance to Mid-Level Experiences consist of the following:

- a. Satisfactory completion of Early Experiences courses (Orientation, grade of "S"; ESC\_PS 2014 and LTC 2044, grade of "S" in each course; ESC\_PS 2010 and LTC 2040, C-range grade or higher (i.e., C-minimum) in each course);
- b. Satisfactory completion of English 1000 Exposition and Argumentation, C-range grade or higher (i.e., C- minimum);
- c. Math and Quantitative Reasoning requirement (or equivalent), C-range grade or higher (i.e., C- minimum); and
- d. Overall GPA of 2.750 or higher.

2. All candidates admitted into Mid-Level Experiences must meet the traditional first-year admission requirements to the University of Missouri (see MU Admissions Requirements (<https://admissions.missouri.edu/apply-freshmen/admission-requirements/>) for more information), which includes a qualifying ACT score. For external transfer candidates, the candidate must submit the ACT score (or SAT) and the following GPA requirements must be met

- a. Traditional first-year Classification: 2.600 or higher
- b. Sophomore Classification: 2.700 or higher
- c. Junior Classification: 2.750 or higher
- d. Senior Classification: 2.750 or higher

Candidates can appeal and submit appropriate materials if they do not meet the satisfactory entrance score. Within the appeal, candidates can provide other test scores, exam credits, GPA from similar coursework, or proof of accommodations. The Teacher Preparation Review Committee will review the materials and determine if the entrance requirement can be waived.

3. A student who progresses to Mid-Level Experiences must maintain the standards met at the time of entry. Continued assessment will be made of the characteristics associated with effective performance in the role of a professional at the level(s) and in the major(s) selected.

4. All students pursuing initial teacher certification and/or the BSED degree (regardless of level) must complete all professional education courses with a C-range grade or higher (i.e., C- minimum).

This policy will go into effect immediately upon the revision to the College of Education & Human Development Faculty & Academic Policy Manual eliminating any contradictory requirements to those specified herein. Any changes made to these requirements will be recommended by the Teacher Education Council (TEC) and approved by LTC and Special Education faculty.

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## Graduate

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

Our faculty members provide a rich environment through their innovative teaching and cutting-edge research.. Choosing the right college for graduate studies is not an easy or simple decision. We welcome you to visit our website (<https://education.missouri.edu/>) or the MU Columbia campus (for face-to-face programs) and meet with our faculty and current students to find out more about the College of Education.

**Note:** Prospective graduate students must apply to *both* the degree program of interest and to the Graduate School. The application process may be completed online. Find admission and application details by selecting the degree program of interest in the left navigation column.