College of Education

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Undergraduate major: B.A.  
Undergraduate minors: educational psychology; human relations  
Graduate degrees: M.A.; M.A.T.; M.S.; Ed.S.; Ed.D.; Ph.D.  
Graduate certificates: applied behavior analysis; institutional research and effectiveness; K-12 equity and inclusion; online teaching; talent development  
Website: https://education.uiowa.edu/

The nation’s first university-level professorial chair in education was established at the University of Iowa in 1872. The department became the School of Education in 1907; and the College of Education, structured largely as it is today, was founded in 1913. Since then, the college’s growth has mirrored the growth of the University.

Over the years, College of Education faculty members have been leaders in a variety of educational fields. Particularly noteworthy have been their contributions in the fields of educational testing and measurement. These contributions helped lay the foundation for today’s testing and measurement industry, making Iowa City one of the best-known centers for this educational specialty.

The college has four departments—the Departments of Counselor Education, Educational Policy and Leadership Studies, Psychological and Quantitative Foundations, and Teaching and Learning.

Extramural Education

Through Distance and Online Education, selected College of Education courses are offered at off-campus sites and hours outside the traditional schedule. If taken after formal admission to a specific program, some of these courses may be applied to meet requirements for degrees. Students who plan to complete a degree program should apply for admission to the Graduate College and satisfy all application requirements for the degree program they wish to enter.

Special regulations govern such coursework. Students should obtain prior approval from their program advisor before registering in extramural courses. Students not regularly admitted to the University of Iowa also may register in extramural courses, but credit earned before admission does not count toward residency requirements.

Honors in Education

The College of Education Honors Opportunity Program is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have maintained a g.p.a. of at least 3.50. Students with lower grade-point averages who have demonstrated research potential also may be accepted, based on the recommendations of faculty and/or staff members and the education honors advisor. Honors Opportunity Program students must take EHOP:4100 Honors Seminar in Education, EHOP:4101 Senior Honors Project, and complete five additional honors experiences. Successful completion of the program results in recognition of the student as a College of Education honors graduate.

Faculty

All tenure-track faculty members hold earned doctorates in their teaching fields, and many have had teaching or administrative experience in the public schools. Several hold joint appointments in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.