OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND ADVISING

The College of Education and Human Development’s advising office meets with undergraduate students with majors focusing on human development and teacher education. We provide a consistent touchpoint throughout students’ academic journey. We strive to see students at least once every semester, and we love it when students come to see us more often! During our advising sessions we take a holistic approach and support students’ success in various ways to ensure they meet all the requirements needed to graduate on time and launch a success career. Support activities include helping students decide on their major, choose their classes each semester, plan their study abroad experience, meet upper-level admission requirements for their program, map out their graduation plan, think about internship opportunities, apply for graduation and connect them to other campus and community resources as needed.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

In our CEHD family, student success is our priority. The Student Success Center works with all undergraduate students in the college to assure that all students have what they need to ultimately reach their full potential. Your first year, you will have an assigned success coach who will meet with you to set goals and get on track. Every year following, you can meet with a coach as often as you want. Student Success will also provide different programs and activities based on student needs and interests like CliftonStrengths® Top 5 coaching, academic and life skill coaching, Living Learning Community activities, the Multicultural Meet and Greet, and much more.

OFFICE OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

The Office of Clinical Experiences works in conjunction with WMU faculty and PreK-12 public school partners to provide real experience for Teacher Candidates in the community. You’ll work closely with the Office of Clinical Experiences as you get further into your program. Whether you are Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, Special Education, Art, Workforce Education, Music or Physical and Health Education, we will get you into a classroom where you can connect your coursework to real-life experiences and shape your pedagogy. We take pride in working with our school partners to mold strong Teacher Candidates who will develop their own style in the art of teaching and go on to be successful teachers who have a positive impact in the world around us. We believe that early as well as varied experiences working with students in local schools helps establish a more well-informed and self-reflective Teacher Candidate.
OFFICE OF TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATION

WMU’s Office of Teacher and Administrator Certification provides accurate information regarding the current laws, timelines, requirements, and processes for Michigan PK-12 certification; advises those in pursuit of certifications and licensure, additional endorsements, or higher level degrees; and collects, reports, and disseminates data on Western Michigan University’s PK-12 teacher and administrator preparation programs.

We work with teacher education students to understand and complete certification requirements during their final internships and after graduation. We also support alumni throughout their PK-12 careers as they navigate the certification and licensure systems and aspire to expand their knowledge and skills through continuing education at Western Michigan University.

TRIO FUTURE EDUCATOR SUCCESS PROGRAM

The TRIO Future Educator Success Program (FESP) is designed to help first-generation, income eligible students, and students with disabilities excel in their WMU teacher preparation programs and in their K-12 teaching careers. Through a variety of activities, services, and opportunities on campus and in the community, our caring, knowledgeable staff provide information and resources to enhance student academic performance and cultivate financial literacy, career development, leadership development, and awareness of campus services and programming. FESP partners with the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) faculty, staff, and K-12 educational professionals to enrich students’ Western Michigan University experience and prepare them to fulfill their aspirations of becoming K-12 educators. Services include:

- Individualized attention
- Quick, easy access to academic advising
- Priority registration
- Scholarships
- Financial literacy awareness
- Career guidance and exploration
- MTTC preparation
- Graduate school exploration and planning
- Leadership and professional development opportunities
- On and off campus activities and events
- Employment opportunities
- Mentoring and tutoring
- TRIO Community (RSO)