

PATHWAYS TO TEACHING

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Initial Teaching Certification



TEACHER EDUCATION AT WMU

With high demand for teachers nationwide, it's an excellent time to start your education career. The UNESCO Institute for Statistics estimates that we'll need 69 million new teachers by 2030 to meet global education goals. At Western Michigan University, we understand this demand and are making it easier than ever before for students to earn their initial teacher certifications and expand their knowledge base through both traditional and fast-track programming.



My internship showed me how to arrange my knowledge from courses into an action plan.

■ Michelle Krieger, alumna



Michigan school principals ranked **99% of new teachers prepared at WMU as "effective" or "highly effective"** in 2020-21.



The WMU teacher education unit is **accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).**

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UNDERGRADUATE PATHWAYS

Business education (6-12) prepares students to teach business, marketing, management and technology courses at the middle or secondary level. Business and marketing teachers are in high demand across the country.

Early childhood unified education (B-3) prepares candidates for teaching and leadership positions in settings.

Early learning and intervention (B-K) prepares educators for work in a variety of early care and classroom settings. Following completion of the curriculum, graduates will be eligible for credentialing as early childhood/early childhood special education (BK) teachers under MDE regulations.

Elementary education (PK-3, 3-6) prepares new educators to meet the unique needs of learners with an emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Family and consumer sciences teacher education (6-12) prepares students to teach family and consumer sciences curriculum. Family and consumer sciences teachers are in high demand across the country.

Industrial technology education (6-12) is a vocational industrial technology program that prepares you to teach industrial technology-type courses.

Occupational education studies (6-12) prepares students to teach technical programs at a technical center, comprehensive high school or trade academy.

Physical and health education (K-12) prepares students to teach physical and health education to students. WMU is the first institution in the state to offer this mandated combined endorsement with dual certification in physical education and health education.

Special education (K-12) is designed to prepare students to assume teaching responsibilities in two certified grade bands: lower elementary, PK-3, and special education learning disabilities K-12. Candidates are also eligible to apply for the accelerated graduate degree program.

Teaching English to speakers of other languages (K-12) is designed to prepare educators to meet the unique needs of English learners in K-12 schools. The TESOL K-12 major is available for all interested students who are also seeking PK-3 teacher certification.

GRADUATE PATHWAYS

Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education (K-5) is a 13-month cohort program of study offered fully online.

Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary Education (6-12) is a 13-month cohort program that includes coursework in foundations of education and pedagogy, as well as a year-long clinical experience in local schools.

Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education (K-12) is the first in the state to offer an expedited 18-month master's level program.

Master of Arts in Workforce Education and Development (6-12) leads to a State Secondary Provisional Certificate with an Endorsement in Marketing, Business, Family and Consumer Sciences, or Industrial Technology and a Vocational Endorsement.



STUDY ABROAD

Students have the opportunity to complete part of their student teaching experience in **New Zealand**, which is known worldwide for its innovative approaches to teaching literacy.

Additionally, the college offers short-term, education-related study abroad opportunities in **Ireland, Nepal, and Peru**. These faculty-led programs allow students to learn about educational systems outside of the United States.



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