Educators Who Impact Student Learning

The College of Education teacher preparation program uniquely engages you throughout your studies in working with Pre K-12 (P-12) students as they learn and develop in informal and formal learning settings. The program prepares community educators and P-12 classroom teachers to provide relevant and meaningful experiences which fosters student learning.

As a teacher candidate, you will have the unique opportunity to work with students in youth serving agencies to support them in non-traditional settings. You will also gain valuable practical knowledge by applying university course content to interactions with young learners in academically focused content-based community agencies such as the St. Louis Chess Club, Powder Valley, and many United Way agencies and in area classrooms.

Engaging Capstone Experiences: Studio Schools for Learning

Our teacher programs offer unique capstone experiences in the form of two practicums in Studio Schools for Learning. These are schools and districts where design happens, using a differentiated staffing plan in which you will be engaged in the school site as a faculty member. Studio Schools are located in school districts across the metropolitan area.

You will be actively involved in planning and teaching to provide in-depth content and developmental support, flexibility, and instructional intervention for P–12 students where it’s needed. Supported by the supervisor and school site mentor, your work in Studio Schools will impact P-12 students in multiple, varied and wide ranging grade level, achievement and subject specific contexts. These can include small group settings, whole class lessons, enrichment and support lessons -- all focused learning experiences.

Through this work, you will become part of the fabric of the school and school district and become fully able to demonstrate the impact you have made on student learning.
What can you do with an education degree? ...YOU MAY BE SURPRISED!

Our programs prepare educators for a variety of roles and a diversity of contexts – including P-12 schools, youth serving organizations, museums, zoos, gardens, nature centers, after school programs, tutoring/mentoring programs, businesses, legislative offices, etc. – all of which impact student learning.

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A unique, research-driven program

From your first course, “Effective Career Decision Making for Educators,” in which you explore educational opportunities at all levels, to your courses involving you in youth serving agencies and content focused organizations, to your final capstone practicums in Studio Schools — your preparation will expand your knowledge, creativity and skills. Your experiences in our program will equip you to impact as well as demonstrate your effectiveness on student learning.

As a College of Education teacher candidate, you will have state of the art opportunities to make positive impacts on student learning and growth as you become a school and community educator for all learners.

Innovative Education… Engaged Educators

The College of Education at UMSL offers authentic, in-depth learning experiences to prepare current and future education professionals for transformative roles in their communities and careers. Our programs prepare students to develop as “community educators” instead of “school teachers”; community leaders instead of “principals”; and regard “educator development” with the belief that becoming a professional educator is part art, part science, and a life-long process.

UMSL at a glance

The University of Missouri—St. Louis is a public, research university located in Missouri’s most populous and economically important region. Founded in 1963, UMSL attracts more students than any other university in the St. Louis region.

We offer you 54 undergraduate degree choices from our five colleges. And we partner with more than 400 companies and organizations for our internship program. You’ll get out of the classroom, gain practical experience, make connections and jump-start your career.

St. Louis: Something for everyone

UMSL is a vital part of St. Louis, and the city and surrounding areas make up the most culturally vibrant region in Missouri. That means we offer you more than a top-ranked learning environment.

There’s a night out with friends on Washington Avenue. An exhibit opening at the Saint Louis Art Museum. A Saturday afternoon at the Saint Louis Zoo. A home-run celebration at Busch Stadium.

St. Louis is a place where you can be you.