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Mission Statement

The School of Education is devoted to the advancement of teaching and learning. Our image for teacher education begins with a vision for P-12 schools in the 21st century. The transformation from an industrial economy to an information society in the U.S., combined with an increasing emphasis on global issues and technology, demands more highly skilled adults to function effectively in the workforce. Young people who complete their schooling are the most educationally, socially and economically advantaged. They become adults who are lifelong learners and have the basic skills necessary for leading a full and rewarding life in an interdependent society and an information and service driven economy. The power of educators to make the fundamental difference in students' lives makes education the most important social service.

The School of Education builds from the foundation of the undergraduate Liberal Studies option in Teaching and Learning and academic majors in Science, English and mathematics (subject matter programs) and extends to Masters of Arts in Education. Our Education Programs contribute to the teaching profession by producing teachers and school administrators who believe that all students have the ability to achieve high standards, who adapt their teaching to reach all students, and who respect the diversity of all students. Our graduates are reflective about their teaching, their attitudes, and their ability to work in collaborative analytical teams. The Master of Arts in Education program focuses on Educational Leadership or Special Education. The Educational Leadership specialization leads to the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential. The Special Education specialization leads to the Educational Specialist Mild/Moderate Level II Credential