

College of Education and Human Services

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Academic Departments and Degrees

The College of Education and Human Services has the following departments, which offer the degrees shown:

Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education—BS, BA, MS, MA, MEd, EdS, AuD

Elementary Education—BS, BA, MS, MA, MEd, EdS

Family, Consumer, and Human Development—BS, BA, MS, MFHD, PhD

Health, Physical Education and Recreation—BS, MS, MEd

Instructional Technology—MS, MEd, EdS, PhD

Psychology—BS, BA, MS, PhD

Secondary Education—BS, BA, MS, MA, MEd, EdS

Special Education and Rehabilitation—BS, BA, MEd, MS, MRC, EdS, PhD

In addition, the college offers the following degrees:

Interdisciplinary Studies Major—BS, BA

Interdepartmental Doctoral Degree (participation by departments of Elementary Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education and Rehabilitation)—EdD, PhD

The College of Education and Human Services provides preparation programs for prospective teachers, for counselors and other professional personnel in education, and for professionals in the human services area and in corporate settings. Students are urged to refer to the more detailed descriptions of programs, majors, and areas of specialization contained in this catalog.

The College of Education and Human Services participates in the Interdisciplinary Studies Major (see pages 342-343), which offers flexibility for qualifying students who cannot find an existing degree that meets their needs.

Accreditation

Utah State University is a member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Utah State Board of Education. Students who are licensed to teach in the State of Utah may qualify for licensure in other states and the District of Columbia. Additional program accreditations include: American Psychological Association, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Council on the Education of the Deaf, National Association of School Psychologists, and Council on Accreditation of the National Recreation Park Association.

University Studies Requirements

All students graduating from the College of Education and Human Services must complete the USU University Studies requirements (see pages 49-59).

Admission Requirements to Teacher Education

Students wishing to enter the Teacher Education Program at Utah State University must formally apply for admission and be approved by the Office of the Associate Dean for Teacher Education, Graduation, and Educator Licensing, as well as by the department where the teaching major is being offered. All applicants are required to submit a record of their ACT scores, pass the Teacher Education Writing Exam, and take a speech and hearing test. Individual departments may also have additional admission requirements. Students are not permitted to enroll in the teacher education professional core classes prior to being admitted to the Teacher Education Program.

Detailed information about admission to the Teacher Education Program should be obtained from a departmental advisor or from the Office of the Associate Dean for Teacher Education, Graduation, and Educator Licensing.

Teacher Licensing

The Dean of the College of Education and Human Services is assigned responsibility for the development, approval, and administration of Teacher Licensing requirements for students.

The College of Education and Human Services currently offers preservice teacher preparation leading to licensure in 34 different areas. In addition, advanced programs leading to professional licensure are available for administrators, supervisors, school counselors, school psychologists, school library media specialists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, educators of the deaf, and specialists in special education. Training is also available in English as a Second Language (ESL), reading, distance education, gifted and talented education, and middle-level education.

Specific requirements for each license may be obtained from the Office of the Associate Dean for Teacher Education, Graduation, and Educator Licensing or from the department in which the major work is offered. All students who desire licensure must complete a criminal background check and must take the Utah State Office of Education approved content test (Praxis II) in their content area.

For the early childhood, elementary, secondary, or special education license, a closely supervised program of student teaching is conducted in selected schools throughout the state. Student teachers are required to pass the Utah State Office of Education approved content test (Praxis II) in their major content area prior to student teaching. Students should be financially prepared to live off campus during the semester selected as their professional semester of student teaching.

Dual Licensing

Dual licensing programs are offered in the following areas: early childhood education and deaf education; early childhood education and elementary education; early childhood education and special education; elementary education and deaf education; elementary education and secondary education; elementary education and special education; and secondary education and special education. A student desiring dual licensure should consult with an advisor in one of the departments within the College of Education and Human Services early in his or her program. Ordinarily dual licensure will require at least one additional semester of work.

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Teacher Placement Service

The Teacher Placement Service functions as an integral part of the University Placement Center. Students may register with the service, which will help in compiling the proper credentials to be used in placement interviews. Application for placement services should be made prior to student teaching whenever possible. No fee is charged for using the center.

Facilities

The College of Education and Human Services Edith Bowen Laboratory School is a functioning elementary school on the University campus, serving as a research, demonstration, and teacher training center.

The Center for Early Childhood Education provides educational experiences and resources for teachers and parents that reflect the most current understanding of the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive needs of children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and the primary grades.

The Center for the School of the Future is dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of education through identifying, researching, and developing proven educational practices, as well as supporting their dissemination and adoption in local circumstances.

The Center for Persons with Disabilities is Utah's university center for excellence in developmental disabilities. Its programs offer students opportunities to participate in multidisciplinary education, research, and service. Students complete clinical and field experiences, and may receive financial support through assistantships, internships, stipends, or employment.

Course Descriptions

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