Stephanie Mahfood, interim dean

School of Education website (external to catalog)

Mission

The School of Education is a supportive and inclusive community of educator-scholars who are committed to providing our students with transformative experiences that impact life-long learning.

Vision

We empower students to become effective, innovative, and empathetic educators and practitioners.

Assessment Policy of School of Education

Programs in the School of Education utilize program assessment plans to evaluate and promote student achievement of specific learning outcomes, assess program curriculum, and align with state and national accreditation requirements.

Demonstration of Missouri Teacher Standards Through Quality Indicators

The Department of Teacher Education's (DTE) Passport is an integral element in the assessment system for initial teacher certification programs. The system is designed to foster the development of knowledge, skills, and dispositions for pre-service teacher candidates in the digital age.

The assessment system is aligned with the Missouri Teacher Standards, which "convey the expectations of performance for professional teachers in Missouri."

In order to complete the digital passports, candidates are enrolled in an online learning portal.

Using a self-directed approach, pre-service teachers upload artifacts and reflections in the digital passports. Each passport is assessed by a team of faculty who assign a passing or failing grade to the passport based on the successful submission of artifacts and appropriate supplementary activities. Where appropriate, candidates may be asked to revise and resubmit artifacts or reflections.

Successful completion of each part of the passport allows the candidate to move through the phases of the program.

Department of Teacher Education

Basiyr Rodney, chair

Majors and Degrees

- Education (BA) with an emphasis in the following areas:
 Art (Grades K-12)
 - Elementary Education (Grades 1-6)
 - Middle School (Grades 5-9) with a focus in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, or Social Science
 - Secondary Biology (Grades 9-12)
 - Secondary Chemistry (Grades 9-12)
 - Secondary English (Grades 9-12)
 - Secondary Mathematics (Grades 9-12)
 - Secondary Social Science (Grades 9-12)
 - Special Education (Mild/Moderate/Cross-Categorical) (Grades K-12)
 - World Languages (French, German, or Spanish) (Grades K-12)
- Education Studies (BEd)

Minors

- · Chess in Education
- Education
- Sustainability Studies

Certificates

- Entrepreneurship (Education majors track) (In cooperation with the Walker School of Business & Technology)
- Global Education

Special Study Opportunities

Within the School of Education students may pursue special study opportunities which may include experiences in varied educational settings at Webster University's international campuses, conferences, study tours, Student Literacy Corps, and other service learning opportunities and field experiences in inclusive schools, all of which prepare students for teaching in an increasingly diverse society.

Initial Teacher Certification Content Areas

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- Secondary Biology (Grades 9-12)
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Candidates seeking Secondary Education certification are encouraged to choose a second major in their content area. Advisors from the content area work closely with the School of Education to assure candidates meet the requirements of both their majors and teacher certification.

Admission to the Major

Students may be fully admitted to the major when the following criteria have been met:

- A grade of B or better in EDUC 2800 Foundations in Education.
- A grade of B or better in EDUC 2000 Beginning Practicum in Education.
- A departmental GPA of 3.0, based on all EDUC courses taken.

Admission to Teacher Certification

Students declaring Education as a degree major will pursue initial teacher certification as part of their degree. A Program of Study (POS) is designed to meet the Global Citizenship Program School of Education | Undergrad