

teacher education at union

Teaching is one of the most exciting and fulfilling professions available, yet it also is one of the most demanding in terms of preparation. As professional standards and expectations rise, you will need the best training available to prepare you for success in the educational environment of the 21st century.

The Teacher Education Program at Union University offers exceptional preparation in a context of Christian commitment. With small classes and individual attention from faculty, Union seeks to help each student achieve at the highest level possible.

Union University is receiving increasing recognition for its program in Teacher Education, for a variety of reasons:

- Gifted faculty who take a personal interest in students
- Programs which meet all state standards and national standards for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
- An excellent record of placing graduates in quality teaching positions, in Tennessee and around the world
- State-of-the-art facilities and equipment for teaching the effective use of the latest instructional technology
- An outstanding program of practical training and field experience beginning in the first year of preparation
- A commitment to help teacher candidates cultivate a Christian worldview as they move into the education profession.

The mission of the Teacher Education Program is to prepare highly effective teachers within an environment of sensitivity, reflection and faith:

- Teachers who are sensitive to the diverse learning needs of their students,
- Competent teachers who embrace reflective scholarship and a spirit of inquiry
- Teachers who carefully consider their world view and integrate Christian values in their classrooms.

We believe in the stewardship of the environment, the dignity and worth of each individual and the grace to lead, empower and motivate every student to enjoy learning and to continue learning for a lifetime. We pray that our students at Union will embody those beliefs and pass them on to those whose lives they will touch as teachers.



“Union’s Education Program gave me the strong foundation that I now stand on as I am in the classroom every day with students. My professors instilled in me a desire to teach the whole student, not just pursue the academic side. They encouraged me in all areas of my life and were even willing to pray with me as I made decisions or faced rough places in my journey.”

Lori Clayton ('98)
Special Education
Hoover City Schools (AL)

Areas of Endorsement

Union University offers initial and additional teaching endorsements in 27 areas:

- Basic Business/Accounting (7-12)
- Biology (7-12)
- Chemistry (7-12)
- Data Processing (7-12)
- Early Childhood Education (PreK-4)
- Economics (7-12)
- Elementary (K-8)
- English (7-12)
- English as a Second Language (PreK-12)
- French (7-12)
- Government (7-12)
- Health (K-12)
- History (7-12)
- Library Information Specialist (PreK-12)
- Marketing (7-12)
- Mathematics (7-12)
- Middle Grades (5-8)
- Music Education
 - Vocal/General (K-12)
 - Instrumental (K-12)



- Physical Education (K-12)
- Physics (7-12)
- Spanish (7-12)
- Special Education
 - Modified (K-12)
 - Comprehensive (K-12)
 - Early Childhood (PreK-1)
- Speech Communication (7-12)
- Theater (K-12)
- Visual Art (K-12)

Additional information is available in the Union Catalogue or at our web site (www.uu.edu/union/academ/tep).

Student Organizations

- The Student Tennessee Education Association is made up of teacher candidates and is affiliated with the National Education Association and the Tennessee Education Association.
- Kappa Delta Pi is a national honorary education society for teacher candidates who have a minimum GPA of 3.5.

The Teacher Education Program at Union University will effectively prepare you for leadership in tomorrow's diverse educational settings.

If you would like more information about Teacher Education at Union, contact us at:



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"More than anything, I have such great respect for my professors at Union, knowing that their love for students and passion for the subject matter are rarities indeed. Because of the focus on developing the 'whole student,' I had the foundation to not only continue my education in graduate school but also stand firm in what I believe to be truth."

Stephanie Lee ('98)
Graduate Student
Vanderbilt University