

EDUCATION

ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION



"As an education minor, I gained practical experience in a local school assisting teachers and observing classes. Centre prepares you for a career in education, delving into topics often not covered in graduate school. The minor has prepared me for internships, studying abroad, networking, graduate school, and my current teaching job"

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A STRONG LIBERAL ARTS BACKGROUND IS IDEAL PREPARATION FOR A CAREER IN EDUCATION. EDUCATORS ARE NEEDED IN EVERY PROFESSION! THEY NEED TO KNOW HOW TO THINK, TO HAVE A BROAD AS WELL AS A SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE BASE, AND TO BE ABLE TO INTEGRATE AND COMMUNICATE KNOWLEDGE.

WHY BECOME AN EDUCATOR?

Education plays an integral role in forming global citizenship. The Centre Education program addresses education as a dynamic and multi-faceted field of study which both impacts and is impacted by varying perspectives within nations, states, communities, and schools. In addition to preparing students for successful careers in education, we aspire to prepare students interested in the broader realm of education studies such as history, leadership, policy, and diversity.

Since Kentucky continues to be a leader in education reform, everyone from the Secretary of Education to the national media to educators in every state recognizes that schools in Kentucky are at the cutting edge of educational practices.

WHY ATTEND CENTRE FOR A MINOR IN EDUCATION?

At Centre, we give potential educators a solid academic background. Our education program then builds on that background to produce educators who know current teaching methods, can reason and make judgments, are flexible and creative, analyze and question reforms, and reflect and solve problems. Centre strives to produce excellent critical thinkers and decision-makers who will excel in any educational situation. Students interested in education will have the opportunity to

choose from over 25 majors and at the same time minor in education. A minor in education will provide you with an introduction into the career of education. You will have the opportunity to work in local P-12 schools or other education-related sites. Both Centre and the education program at Centre are small so that close working relationships develop between students and professors.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TEACHING CERTIFICATION?

If you are planning to seek certification, then we would encourage you to examine one of our partner institutions. Currently we have partnerships with the University of Louisville and Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt University. This partnership would allow you to count some of the course hours from your education minor towards a master's degree in education/teaching. Participation in one of these partnerships would allow you to potentially complete your master's degree within 12-15 months of your undergraduate work.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN EDUCATION

Students need to choose a major that can lead to certification. For example, students interested in teaching high school mathematics in the future would choose a mathematics major. Students interested in teaching elementary school would choose a major such as psychology or a content area such as biology. The education minor at Centre consists of six courses. Depending on the institution where you plan to seek certification, some minor courses will count toward the partner institution's requirements. For further details, view the education pages in Centre's online course catalog.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Education courses at Centre require experience in schools, so students spend significant time in classrooms. A variety of schools in and around Danville model effective teaching practices and have several recipients of state and national excellence awards. In schools as diverse as the Kentucky School for the Deaf, a Montessori school, and an alternative school, Centre students have numerous opportunities to observe and implement teaching strategies. Students might choose to work in an educational setting such as the Community Arts Center, public library, or YMCA. Students are also encouraged to participate in the Society of Future Educators where they begin to develop a network of education professionals. In addition, education students may study abroad, travel with a class, or obtain an internship. Studies in Strasbourg, Merida, and Costa Rica are just a few of the possible abroad experiences. Working with the Kentucky Department of Education and Kentucky Association of School Councils are some of the experiences that education students have enjoyed in recent years.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

We have had Centre graduates teach locally as well as abroad. Recent graduates have taught in Germany, Korea, and Thailand. Centre graduates experience success securing teaching positions. Our graduates occupy leadership positions from department chairs and curriculum supervisors to principals and superintendents.

While Centre's education program is small, our graduates have won numerous awards at the national, state, and local levels. Nationally, two graduates have won Sallie Mae awards, given to the 100 best first-year teachers in the United States. One of our graduates was selected as the 2000 Kentucky Teacher of the Year. At the local level, a Centre graduate was honored as the WHAS EXCEL Teacher of the Year in Shelby County, Kentucky.



FACULTY

SARAH MURRAY is an associate professor of education. She was a secondary mathematics teacher, a K-12 math resource coordinator, and a consultant with the Appalachia Math and Science Partnership. She holds a master's in secondary mathematics education and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Kentucky. Her interests include peer mentoring, global education, community-based learning, and teaching abroad.

DONNA M. PLUMMER is a professor of education who completed her Ph.D. with an emphasis in science education at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Her interests include children's career aspirations, equity issues including the differently abled, and using multicultural literature to increase diverse representations in the classroom.

ELLEN PRUSINSKI is an assistant professor of education with experience in a variety of educational settings, including community organizations in the U.S., high schools and universities in China, and elementary and pre-schools in Indonesia. She is interested in comparative and international education studies, nonformal and community based learning, and issues of educational access and equity, particularly in Asia. She completed her Ph.D. in education policy at Indiana University.

VISIT CENTRE

The best way to judge Centre is to tour the campus, attend a class, talk to the professors and students, and spend the night in a residence hall. We invite you to visit and encourage you to contact the Admission Office if you have any questions.

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