



Undergraduate Studies

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Message from our Dean

Congratulations on reaching this exciting moment in your educational journey. At the Clemson University College of Education, we know that students like you are the future of teaching, leadership and innovation in education and allied fields.

Our College offers you a dynamic community where you'll grow intellectually, professionally and personally. Here, you'll find:



- 1. Award-Winning Programs and Support:** Our undergraduate programs, from Teacher Education to Human Capital Education and Development, are designed to challenge and inspire. With hands-on learning opportunities, rich classroom experiences and one-on-one advising support, you'll gain the skills and confidence necessary to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.
- 2. World-Class Faculty:** Clemson University is the state's only research intensive, land-grant university, meaning our faculty are at the forefront of cutting-edge research and practice. You'll learn from internationally recognized experts who can prepare you for a life and career of impact.
- 3. Community and Connections:** Clemson's College of Education is a tight-knit, supportive community that feels like family. You'll build relationships with classmates, professors, advisors and mentors who share your passion for education and service to others.
- 4. Pathways to Success:** With multiple internships, clubs, experiential and service-learning opportunities, including study abroad and professional networking and development opportunities, you'll graduate well-prepared to embark on your career or graduate studies.

As colleges of education across the nation see declines in enrollment, our undergraduate enrollment has surged, in part, because we strive to provide the #1 student experience in the country! By choosing Clemson's College of Education, you're choosing a university with a reputation for excellence and a commitment to transforming lives and communities. Our team is here to answer any questions you may have so don't hesitate to reach out. We can't wait to see how you'll contribute to our College and the field of education.

Go Tigers!

Kristin M. Gehsmann

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Dean and Professor
Clemson University College of Education

Signature Programs



ClemsonLIFE™

The ClemsonLIFE™ program offers a collegiate experience that prepares young adults with intellectual disabilities for competitive employment and independent living through a combination of coursework and career exploration. College of Education undergraduate students have multiple opportunities to volunteer with students in the LIFE program as they pursue their post-secondary degrees.



Call Me MiSTER®

The mission of Call Me MiSTER® (acronym for Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) is to increase the pool of available teachers from broader, more diverse backgrounds, particularly among the state's most underserved schools. Through a cohort model, the Call Me MiSTER program provides academic support, professional growth opportunities, mentorship and tuition assistance.



Teaching Fellows

Clemson University is a proud participant in the South Carolina Teaching Fellows Program, designed to recruit high-achieving, talented high school students into the teaching profession and equip them to become effective and successful educators. Each year, the program provides state-funded fellowships for South Carolina residents who wish to pursue an education degree and a career in South Carolina's public schools. Fellows benefit from tailored seminars, professional development, service learning opportunities and advocacy experiences.



Teacher Residency

The Teacher Residency Program is the first University-led program of its kind in South Carolina. This bachelor's-to-master's degree option replaces student teaching in a student's final undergraduate semester with graduate education classes, and the following year is comprised of a yearlong teacher residency with an experienced master teacher who continuously provides mentorship, support and feedback. Students spend their residency year in a school, moving from a collaborative, co-teaching role in the classroom to an increasingly independent, lead-teaching role.

Teacher Education Majors

Early Childhood Education, B.A.

Pre-Kindergarten – 3rd Grade

Educate young children by focusing on developmental milestones and communication skills while emphasizing the importance of a nurturing environment in diverse populations. You will gain knowledge of integrated content and teaching strategies in mathematics, science, social studies, reading and language and creativity.

Elementary Education, B.A.

2nd Grade – 6th Grade

With an emphasis on educating and motivating young students, your goal will be to enhance your knowledge in social sciences, English language arts, mathematics and science. You will focus on an exploration of education theory, delving into courses addressing child development, educational fundamentals and special education.

Special Education, B.A.

Pre-Kindergarten –
12th Grade & Multi-Categorical

Our research-validated instructional practices will allow you to work with children and adolescents with learning disabilities, emotional/behavioral disorders and autism and development disabilities. Students can engage in field placements spanning PK-12 populations with the option to add on Elementary Education certification.





Middle Level Education, B.S.

5th Grade – 8th Grade

Middle Level Education students will be dual certified in two subject areas while working with students in the middle grades. You will engage in field placement opportunities in both subject areas for certification.

Emphasis areas include:

- Mathematics and Science
- Language Arts and Social Studies



Secondary Education, B.A. and B.S.

9th Grade – 12th Grade

Engage in inquiry-based learning and diversified field experiences to develop a foundation for teaching high school students while earning a dual major in education and your chosen content area.

Students can choose from the following subject areas:

- English, B.A.
- Science, B.A. or B.S.
- Social Studies/History, B.A.
- Mathematics, B.A. or B.S.



Modern Languages Education, B.A.

Pre-Kindergarten – 12th Grade

Modern Languages Education allows students to double major in education and their chosen language area. While the program is anchored in secondary education, you will be certified to teach children of all ages. Language areas include:

- American Sign Language
- French*
- Spanish*

**A full-semester study abroad is required.*

Beyond Teaching

Human Capital Education and Development, B.S.

Careers in education go beyond teaching positions. The major in Human Capital Education and Development prepares graduates to improve any workplace through its people. Human capital is a process of improving employee learning, performance, experiences and health. Our graduates will develop knowledge and skills in understanding strategic approaches to attract, develop and lead talent.

Career opportunities in human capital are growing above national rates, have high starting salaries and include roles in training and development, human resources, career and talent development, strategic organization development and even workforce and community development.

The program is designed for maximum access to a Human Capital Education and Development bachelor's degree and career. The program was designed with student needs in mind. It offers a variety of accessible entry pathways including technical college transfer pathways and accelerated bachelor pathways into the Master of Human Resource Development. Key factors for student success that make our program and approach unique include:

- Students may choose between face-to-face, online or HyFlex learning modalities to best meet their learning styles and needs.
- Industry is deeply engaged throughout the curriculum including visiting faculty and speakers, real-world and capstone projects and internships.
- Delivering first-class student support and experiences is a priority through career building workshops, student engagement events and one-on-one faculty and staff support.



Athletic Leadership, Minor

The minor is designed for students interested in coaching and athletic administration at various levels. Coursework in this minor helps students create student-athlete-centered coaching philosophies and further develop fundamental coaching skills in the areas of leadership, diversity, ethics and policy. Students in this minor may aspire to be professionals in coaching, athletic administration, sports medicine, academic administration and sports operations. Many students who complete this minor go on to pursue a master's in athletic leadership in the College of Education.

By completing specific course requirements and exam scores, students can achieve certification credentials from professional organizations such as the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS), the national governing body for high school sports and activities throughout the United States, of which every state athletic association is a member. Students may acquire NFHS Certification Levels 1-3 by completing the NFHS courses indicated for each level. The NFHS coach certification courses support the National Standards for Sport Coaches as part of the athletic leadership classes.



Study Abroad

Our study abroad programs offer a wide range of outstanding learning experiences for all students, including internships, research and volunteer opportunities that explore education on a global scale.



Student Organizations

Student organizations within our College and Clemson University allow students to explore specific interests and dive further into their chosen area of education while serving their fellow students and community.



Research

Creative Inquiry (CI) combines engaged learning and undergraduate research in partnership with college faculty, often leading to presentations at conferences and citations in professional publications.



Eugene T. Moore Scholarships

The scholarships for first-time freshmen and transfer students serve to increase the number of students from underrepresented and underserved communities who are enrolled in and will graduate from any undergraduate education program in Clemson's College of Education.



Four-Year Advising

Our College became the first on campus to adopt a college-wide, four-year advising model for undergraduates. This forward-thinking approach promotes sustained relationships and collaboration centered on empowering students to achieve their education and career goals.



Field Placements and Internships

Our partnerships with school districts and across various industries give you the necessary hands-on experience with different populations, preparing you for work in education and allied fields.

What Students Say

“ Last year, I served as a sub-committee chair for the undergraduate student advisory board, and I now serve as president. We enjoy having speakers – including faculty – come to discuss inclusive excellence within the College so we can gain insight into the topic. I love getting to know our professors as people while getting insight into important topics. ”



MAKAE CURTIS
Special Education
Major

“ I’ve learned a lot about my leadership style whether that’s in the gym with my team or in the workplace. I’m learning a lot about myself and how I work, and I think that will help me in the workforce in my future. ”



MOLLY ARNOLD
Human Capital
Education and
Development Major

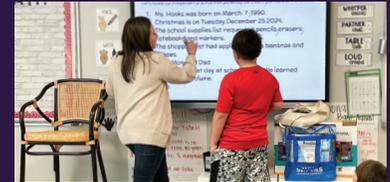
“ I had some doubts about being a teacher. I didn’t know if I would be good at it, but being in that placement with those kids for 10 weeks, I built relationships with them and the teachers and it just reassured me that this is my calling. This is my purpose, and I’m supposed to be doing this. ”



GREG LAWRENCE
Elementary
Education Major

What Alumni Say

“ Clemson was more than just a town or school for me—it quickly became my home. My college experiences helped me achieve goals I never thought were possible and shaped who I am today. The College of Education program built a strong foundation that allowed me to successfully launch my teaching career. As a college student, knowledgeable instructors planned and taught intentional coursework. Purposeful courses paired with classroom placements allowed me to work directly with students which helped prepare me for my own classroom. Choosing to attend Clemson’s College of Education was the best decision I ever made! ”



LILLIE BUDNICK
3rd Grade Teacher,
Spearman Elementary School



**BEST COLLEGE FOR EDUCATION
MAJORS FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS**

Source: *CollegeMagazine.com*



**GROWTH IN UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT OVER FIVE YEARS**



**OF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION STUDENTS
WOULD CHOOSE CLEMSON AGAIN**

Source: *Power of the Paw 2022*



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