

SCHOOL OF TEACHER EDUCATION

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The School of Teacher Education provides graduate and undergraduate programs in elementary education, interdisciplinary early childhood education, middle grades education, secondary education, science and mathematics education, and special education. Undergraduate majors offered are: elementary education; interdisciplinary early childhood education; middle level education in social studies and language arts; science and mathematics education; and special education / elementary education. The School of Teacher Education also offers various Master of Arts in Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Science, and Education Specialists degrees. For additional information visit: <http://www.wku.edu/graduate> (<http://www.wku.edu/graduate/>).

Elementary Education/Special Education, Middle Level Education in Social Studies and Language Arts majors and undeclared students receive advising in the School of Teacher Education (1005 GRH, 745-5414). Majors in secondary education programs (Grades 8-12, 5-12, and P-12) are advised in the departments of their content areas as well as in the School of Teacher Education (1005 GRH, 745-5414). Majors in Science and Mathematics Education are advised in the SKyTeach Office (TCCW 105, 270 745-3900). Refer to the table in the Teacher Education section of this catalog and the School of Teacher Education website for further information (<http://www.wku.edu/ste> (<http://www.wku.edu/ste/>)).

Comprehensive Certificates, Grades Primary through 12

Art: offered in the Department of Art - Potter College of Arts and Letters

Arabic: offered in the Department of Modern Languages - Potter College of Arts and Letters

Chinese: offered in the Department of Modern Languages - Potter College of Arts and Letters

Health Minor: offered in the Department of Public Health - College of Health and Human Services

Music: offered in the Department of Music - Potter College of Arts and Letters

Physical Education: offered in the Department of Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport - College of Health and Human Services

Spanish: offered in the Department of Modern Languages - Potter College of Arts and Letters

Programs Leading to Teacher Certification, Grades 5-12

Agriculture Education: offered in the Department of Agriculture and Food Science, Ogden College of Science and Engineering.

Family and Consumer Sciences Education: offered in the Department of Applied Human Sciences, College of Health and Human Services.

Degrees

- Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science (527) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/teacher-education/elementary-education-bs/>)

- Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Science (526) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/teacher-education/interdisciplinary-early-childhood-education-bs/>)
- Middle Level Education in Social Studies and Language Arts, Bachelor of Science (5001) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/teacher-education/middle-level-education-social-studies-language-arts-bs/>)
- Science and Mathematics Education (SMED), Bachelor of Science (774) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/teacher-education/science-mathematics-education-bs/>)
- Special Education: Learning and Behavior Disorders and Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science (5003) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/teacher-education/special-education-learning-behavior-disorders-elementary-bs/>)

Certificate

- Interactive Training and Leadership, Certificate (1752) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/teacher-education/interactive-training-design-certificate/>)

Faculty Professor

Martha M. Day EdD (Administration & Supervision), Tennessee State University, 1998

Nancy F. Hulan PhD (Curriculum and Instruction), University of Louisville, 2010

Jeanine M. Huss PhD (Environmental Science), Oklahoma State University Main Campus, 2007

Pamela M. Jukes EdD (Instruction and Administration), University of Kentucky, 1997

Susan Keesey PhD (Physical Activity and Education Services), The Ohio State University Main Campus, 2012

Jennifer P. Klemm PhD (Education), Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2010

Corinne M. Murphy PhD (Physical Activity and Education Services), The Ohio State University Main Campus, 2006

Christina R. Noel PhD (Special Education), Vanderbilt University, 2013

Andrea Paganelli PhD (Instructional Leadership), The University of Alabama, 2010

Julia L. Roberts EdD, Oklahoma State University Main Campus, 1970

Janet L. Tassell PhD (Curriculum & Instruction), Indiana University-Bloomington, 2002

Associate Professor

Erin E. Margarella PhD (Curriculum and Instruction), University of South Florida, 2016

Julia A. Mittelberg PhD (Curriculum and Instruction), Kansas State University, 2014

Kandy C. Smith PhD (Education, Teacher Education), University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2014

Assistant Professor

Ellen G. Casale PhD (Special Education), Vanderbilt University, 2021

Erin M. Feeney PhD (Education), West Virginia University, 2022

Trudy M. Little PhD, Vanderbilt University, 2023

Jeremy R. Logsdon , ,

Leslee K. Tarbett EdD (Instr and Curr Leadership), University of Memphis, 2020

Mindy C. Waldrop PhD (Education), University of Mississippi, 2024

Visiting Assistant Professor

Angela D. Nagel EdD (P-12 Leadership), Union University, 2019

Clinical Assistant Professor

Kathryn L. Decker MAE (Elementary Education), Western Kentucky University, 2007

Clinical Associate Professor

Daniel J. Super EdD (Educational Leadership), Western Kentucky University, 2016

Instructor I

Melanie D. Owens MAE (Secondary Education), Western Kentucky University, 1992

Kayla F. Spurgeon MAE (Curriculum), University of the Cumberland, 2022

Instructor II

Jessica M. Hussung MS, Western Kentucky University, 2022

Stephanie S. Jernigan EdD, Lipscomb University, 2022

Debra L. Noffsinger MAE (Exceptional Education), Western Kentucky University, 2011

Jordan B. Royalty MAT (P-12 Special Education LBD), University of the Cumberland, 2015

Jennifer S. Sheffield EDS, Western Kentucky University, 2018

Kimberly A. Taylor MAE (Education), Western Kentucky University, 1997

Sally H. Tooley MAE (Elementary Education- Literacy), Western Kentucky University, 2009

Program of Study in English for Secondary Teachers (Grades 8-12) and Social Studies (Grades 8-12)

Preparation for secondary certification in the content areas of English and in Social Studies involves completing the Bachelor of Arts degree and all requirements for a Kentucky secondary certificate (grades 8-12), including a minimum of 34 semester hours of professional education coursework.

Code	Title	Hours
SEC 350	Clinical Practices in Secondary Teaching I	4
SEC 450	Clinical Practices in Secondary Teaching II	1
SEC 490	Student Teaching	5-10
EDU 250	Discover Teaching: Introduction to Teacher Education	3
EDU 489	Student Teaching Seminar	3
Select a methods course for each certification area		
PSY 310	Educational Psychology: Development and Learning	3
LTCY 421	Content Area Reading in the Middle and Secondary Grades	3
Complete all requirements for the English for Secondary Teachers major or the major in Social Studies		
Total Hours		22-27

Required courses for these majors are described in the respective catalog sections for the Department of English and the Department of History.

Students with sophomore standing are eligible to enroll in secondary education courses. They may enroll in EDU 250 and then PSY 310. Application for admission to teacher education is started during the semester in which EDU 250 is taken. Application materials must be

completed prior to taking SEC 450 and methods classes. The next two courses, SEC 350 is a junior level course. The remaining courses –SEC 450, a methods course, LTCY 421, EDU 489, and student teaching –are taken during the senior year. Students are required to meet state requirements for field experience in addition to coursework.

Students are expected to work closely with their major advisor and their professional education advisor. Secondary certification candidates may receive academic advising in the Office of Professional Educator Services, GRH 1092, 270-745-6249. Refer to the School of Teacher Education website for additional information: <http://www.wku.edu/ste> (<http://www.wku.edu/ste/>).