



The COE offers the following undergraduate majors:

1. Early Childhood Education (Birth-2nd grade)
2. Elementary Education (1st-6th grade)
3. Middle Grades Education (5th-8th grade)
 - Areas include language arts, math, science, and social science
4. Secondary Education (9th-12th grade)
 - Areas include biology, chemistry, English, environmental science, history, math, physics, social science
5. World Language Education (K-12th grade)
 - Languages include Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish
6. Physical Education (K-12th grade)
7. Special Education (Pre K- age 21)
8. Exercise Science (*does not earn a teaching license*)

Field Experiences and Student Teaching Requirement

- Each teacher education program requires supervised field experiences with students in schools. These field experiences are included as course assignments in specific courses in the academic program. Field experiences are typically completed in a CPS setting and require a CPS background check.
- Student teaching is the culminating experience of the academic program. It will be completed during the student's last quarter at DePaul. Student teaching is at least a full quarter experience and occurs during regular school hours, Monday through Friday, at the placement site. It is a full-time commitment!
- Students have the opportunity to be placed in public, private, charter, and independent schools across the Chicagoland area.

College of Education and Illinois State Board of Education Updates

- New Middle Grades undergraduate major (begins Fall 2016)
 - This new major is specifically designed for individuals who want to teach grades 5 to 8. Individuals will select 2 subject areas (chosen from language arts, math, science, and social science) and take at 6 courses in each area along with education courses.
- New Special Education undergraduate major (began Fall 2015)
 - This new major is specifically designed for individuals that want to teach special education (Kindergarten to grade 12).
- New Special Education endorsement option (begins Fall 2016).
 - This is for individuals seeking a teaching license in another field who want to add the credential to be able to teach special education. The grade range would reflect the range of their teaching license.
- Grade ranges for Elementary and Middle grades will shift as of Feb 2018.
 - Though this doesn't take effect for a few years, individuals in our current program will be prepared for the new grade ranges. Elementary grade range will become grades 1-6 and middle grades will be grades 5-8. This also means that secondary education will be limited to grades 9-12.
- Grade ranges for Early Childhood will shift as of Sept 2019.
 - The new range for Early Childhood will be birth to grade 2.
- edTPA requirement (began Fall 2015)
 - This is a new Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requirement that is a portfolio assessment done during student teaching. It will be required for every individual doing their student teaching Fall 2015 and later (regardless of when they began the program).