

The COE offers the following undergraduate majors:

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

College of Education and Illinois State Board of Education Updates

- New Middle Grades undergraduate major (began 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 (began 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.
 - 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 and will apply to anyone admitted to the program beginning Fall 2017.
- 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).