



Teacher Licensure

The State of Illinois issues a **Professional Educator License** to individuals that complete approved programs for teacher education. DePaul has had approved programs since 1962.

Endorsements and approvals are credentials on a teaching license allowing individuals to be hired to teach those areas full time. The more endorsements/approvals individuals have as part of their credential, the more marketable they become for job opportunities.

Distinctive Features of DePaul's Education Programs

Early Childhood Education majors earn both a Special Education Approval for preschool and an ESL endorsement as part of requirements of the major.

Elementary Education majors are required to complete a minor and can choose from over 151 different areas to specialize in and expand their knowledge.

Special Education majors can choose to complete American Sign Language to increase their interactions with students with special needs.

Middle Grades Education majors have 2 focus areas, the only program in Illinois to offer endorsements in 2 areas.

Early Childhood majors can seek a Developmental Therapy credential to work with children in Early Intervention (special needs children from birth to age 3) by taking an additional 4 courses.

Secondary Education Social Sciences allows students to explore multiple areas within the social science field (history, psychology, sociology, political science, geography, anthropology, and economics) to provide a broad knowledge of the field as well as a specialization in history.

Exercise Science is one of the fastest growing majors in Education. It prepares individuals for careers in corporate fitness, sports medicine, community health and wellness, personal training, strength and conditioning, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, and graduate work in fields related to health, fitness, and exercise sciences.

Any undergraduate education major can add a **Special Education endorsement** with the addition of 4 courses to their major.

Any undergraduate education major can add an **English as a Second Language or bilingual endorsement** with the addition of 6-7 courses to the major (except Early Childhood where it is built into the curriculum).

Students in Secondary Education can choose to **double major** with their teaching area (i.e. English, history, art, etc.) or double major in an unrelated field (i.e. Women and Gender Studies, Journalism, American Studies, Health Sciences, etc.)

DePaul offers one of the few programs in the State of Illinois for **Environmental Science, Foreign Language Chinese (Mandarin), Foreign Language Japanese, and Foreign Language Italian.**

Resources Available in the College of Education

Academic Success Center provides services that includes individual and group tutoring, test preparation workshops, study skills coaching, test taking and test anxiety strategies, and learning assessment. Services are available to all DePaul students.

Student Teaching and Field Experiences places students in field experiences related to their coursework and program of study. Students choose where they want to student teach in the Chicagoland area.

Education and Counseling Center provides quality and affordable educational and counseling services to children and adolescents.

Center for Educational Technology promotes initiatives that enhance student access to, and engagement with, technology and that help faculty integrate technology into their teaching contexts.

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 those 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 least 6 courses in each area plus education courses.

New Special Education undergraduate major (began Fall 2015)

This new major is specifically designed for those who 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 February 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. Additionally, secondary education will be limited to grades 9-12.

Grade ranges for Early Childhood will shift as of September 2019.

The new range for Early Childhood will be birth to grade 2 and will apply to those admitted to the program beginning Fall 2017.

EdTPA requirement (began Fall 2015)

This is an Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requirement that is a portfolio assessment completed during student teaching. It is required for those student teaching Fall 2015 and later (regardless of when they began the program).

DePaul's Undergraduate Education 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*)

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