



The greatest lessons
are those you live.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
College of Education

Any profession you choose can change the world.

The NIU College of Education's broad variety of programs equips students to achieve and surpass their dreams. Whether you want to teach a classroom of kindergartners, help people discover what they're mentally and physically capable of, or become an innovator in the administration of schools, NIU provides a path for you to succeed in life — because changing the world begins with changing your community.

1,186
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

\$234,135
AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS

8

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

ONLINE GRADUATE PROGRAMS RANKED

9th

U.S. News & World Report 2019

1,196
GRADUATE STUDENTS

29
CERTIFICATES

15

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

edTPA PASS RATE

100%

the mandatory licensure state test for all teacher candidates

710
DEGREES AWARDED

5

PRESIDENTIAL PROFESSORS

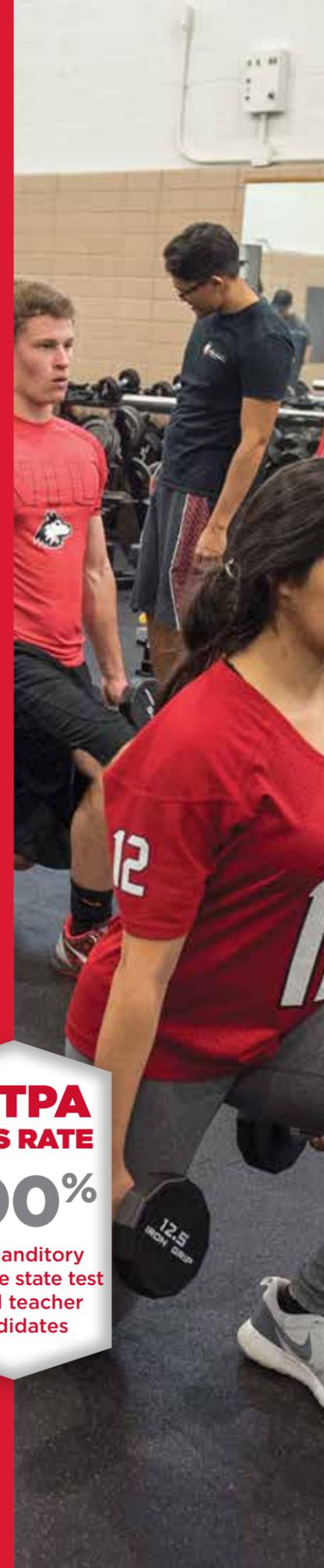
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DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

LIVING COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ALUMNI

54,491

67% LIVE IN ILLINOIS



Learning here extends beyond the books.

Our students learn in the classroom and in the field. From dynamic, engaged learning through unconventional classroom setups, to outside opportunities such as internships or student-teaching, NIU's College of Education offers experiences beyond the books that build your knowledge and skills for the real world.

EDUCATE AND ENGAGE

Our unparalleled program, in coordination with local schools, communities, organizations and businesses, allows our students to put lessons into practice and find support as they transition into professional careers. Our Educate series provides experiences for teacher-licensure candidates while our Engage series provides experiences for non-teacher-licensure students.

Educate

Educate Local gives students incomparable experience and exposure to various campus, community and educational settings.

Educate U.S. connects candidates to week-long experiences in both urban and rural classrooms, working with mentor teachers, preparing lessons and engaging in co-teaching strategies.

Educate Global partners with schools around the world to provide students with the experience of teaching in international classrooms, engaging different cultures and meeting international colleagues.

Engage

Engage Local allows students to provide triage services for Chicago Marathon runners, exercise therapy at DeKalb's Oak Crest Retirement Center, counseling at our Community Counseling Training Center and myriad other opportunities.

Engage U.S. provides experiences such as talking with NCAA professionals at the Hall of Champions about their opportunities and challenges, or interacting with pros at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Engage Global lets students create cross-cultural impact, such as in Sri Lanka, connecting youth to Teaching Personal and Social Responsibility (TPSR) programs through sport.



We live what we profess.

All of our faculty are experienced leaders in their respective fields, with deep professional connections, who approach their teaching in real-world ways. They're highly accessible to you for one-on-one attention as supporters and mentors on educational and personal levels. Meet our five NIU presidential professors.



LAURIE ELISH-PIPER

Dean; Distinguished Teaching Professor; Distinguished Engagement Professor

Laurie Elish-Piper, nationally recognized by the Deans for Impact organization, has led the College of Education since 2016. Her focus as a scholar and teacher has been on literary leadership, literacy coaching, teacher professional development, literacy assessment and struggling readers. She has coauthored 10 books and more than 80 articles and chapters, and regularly speaks at professional conferences. Her NIU résumé includes a 15-year role as director of our Jerry L. Johns Literary Clinic, as well as co-leadership of the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Language and Literacy.

PAUL WRIGHT

EC Lane and MN Zimmerman Endowed Professor; Fulbright Scholar; Presidential Engagement Professor

Paul Wright is passionate about exploring the power of physical activity and sport in changing people's lives. From our Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education, where he specializes in the Teaching Personal and Social Responsibility (TPSR) instructional model, he directly applies his scholarship to positive youth development; social and emotional learning; and sport for development. A favorite among students and colleagues, he is highly respected and influential in his field.



TERESA WASONGA

Professor, Educational Administration; Fulbright Scholar; Presidential Engagement Professor

Teresa Wasonga's influence spans the globe. Within the College's Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations department, she focuses on school leadership, democratic leadership, school improvement and social justice. She's the co-founder of the Jane Adeny Memorial School (JAMS) in her native Kenya. This all-girls boarding secondary school educates indigent girls who would otherwise not have such educational opportunity.



TOM SMITH

Professor, Research and Assessment; Presidential Teaching Professor

A professor who teaches multiple classes in the Department of Educational Technology, Research and Assessment, Tom Smith's teaching and research interests include quantitative methodologies and large-scale data analysis. He translates and transfers his passion in these areas through classes and workshops that dive into research methods, statistics, modeling and analysis. Outside of class, he also regularly conducts and publishes influential research in these topic areas.

TONI VAN LAARHOVEN

Professor, Special Education; Presidential Teaching Professor

Inspired by her older sister with significant disabilities, Toni Van Laarhoven's aim is personal. With more than 30 years in the field, she teaches in the areas of developmental disabilities and autism, assistive technology, and applied behavior analysis. She was a co-director of a technology-based, self-advocacy grant funded by the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (Project MY VOICE), and has been responsible for the preparation and development of our Assistive Technology lab.

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TENURED/TENURE TRACK FACULTY

5

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

3

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

Choose a life-changing path to change the lives of others.

When you succeed in the fields of counseling, higher education and student affairs, you're helping others succeed in ways that are truly life-changing. From the right preparation, to continuing education, to creating future leaders in these pursuits — the Department of Counseling and Higher Education (CAHE) is game-changing.

CAHE offers an array of world-class degrees and certificates for graduate students as well as minors in Social Change Leadership and Counseling for undergraduate students. Visit cedu.niu.edu/cahe for more information.

HIGHER EDUCATION

M.S.Ed. Higher Education and Student Affairs
Ed.D. Higher Education
Ed.D. Community College Leadership

COUNSELING

M.S.Ed. Counseling
Ph.D. Counselor Education and Supervision

CERTIFICATES OF GRADUATE STUDY

College Teaching
Higher Education Administration
Trauma-Informed Counseling

MINORS

Counseling
Social Change Leadership

Enhance your education!

THE COMMUNITY COUNSELING TRAINING CENTER (CCTC)

An integral part of CAHE, this center allows our graduate students to practice the skills they're acquiring and to receive applied mentoring by faculty. You'll also make a real impact: The center benefits our campus and our neighbors by providing free counseling services to everyone in the NIU and DeKalb County communities.

THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR INSTITUTE (SCI)

If you hold a master's degree in counseling or a related field, and want to practice in K-12 environments, the SCI offers the prerequisite courses and testing you'll need to earn your Illinois Professional Educator License with an endorsement in School Counseling.



"NIU was an excellent fit for my education because it provided the space necessary for me to develop my potential as a student. Being a student at NIU embeds you into an environment to be a modern professional while highlighting intersectionality. We convert from students to professionals and often become role models."

JOSIEL MARRUFO, M.S.Ed.
Higher Education and Student Affairs,
Student Success Coach at National
Louis University





Curriculum and Instruction

This is when and where transformation takes hold.

Passionate about impacting the lives of elementary or middle-school students? Want to teach reading, bilingual education or ESL? The Department of Curriculum and Instruction (CI) offers the perfect fit for you. And if you're a career-changer who wants to become a teacher, or a teacher who wants to become a curriculum leader, we have the programs to make that transition a reality.

CI offers undergraduate degrees in elementary education and middle-level teaching and learning, along with a robust variety of degrees and certificates for graduate students. Visit cedu.niu.edu/c-and-i for more information.

UNDERGRADUATE

B.S.Ed. Elementary Education

B.S.Ed. Middle Level Teaching and Learning

GRADUATE

M.S.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction

Ed.D. Curriculum and Instruction

M.S.Ed. Literacy Education

M.A.T. Teaching - Elementary Education

CERTIFICATES OF STUDY

Curricular and Pedagogical Practices in Social Justice Education

Postsecondary Developmental Literacy and Language Instruction

Teaching English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education

CI makes a positive impact in our region.

JERRY L. JOHNS LITERACY CLINIC

Located in the heart of the DeKalb-Sycamore area, the Jerry L. Johns Literacy Clinic provides outstanding reading services at low or no cost to K-12 students through a variety of tutorial and support programs. The clinic also provides educational programming for families to support children's literacy growth and development at home. Its work also benefits the greater region through high-quality, hands-on experiences for candidates pursuing reading specialist certification and through continuing education and professional development opportunities for reading specialists.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUMMER CAMP FOR EDUCATORS

Educators from across the NIU service area attend this soul-searching, four-day retreat to explore multicultural and social justice education. Experts and colleagues lead discussions on some of the most critical social justice issues of the day, while group activities that include film screenings and keynote lectures, as well as time for personal reflection, boost awareness of the importance of delivering education that is equitable and just.

Make the next generation of learning, next-gen.

Whether it's AI, UX or VR, all things electronic are rapidly advancing the practice of teaching and learning. Specialists on the cutting edge of instructional technology, or of harnessing the power of numbers and data, are in high demand. The core focus of the Department of Educational Technology, Research and Assessment (ETRA) is to break new ground in our future-is-here-now world. Our hands-on labs give you experience in the latest gadgets and tools available, and our courses in qualitative and quantitative research methodologies provide a holistic skillset. You'll also find opportunities to join research projects starting Day One. Transferring with your associate degree? ETRA offers a bachelor's completion program just for you! Visit cedu.niu.edu/etra for more information.

UNDERGRADUATE

B.S. Applied Management - Instructional Technology, Training and Evaluation

GRADUATE

M.S. Educational Research and Evaluation
M.S.Ed. Instructional Technology
Ph.D. Instructional Technology

SPECIALIZATIONS

Library Information Specialist (special concentration - online)
Technology Specialist (accelerated M.S.Ed. Instructional Technology - online)

Interface with tomorrow's cutting-edge equipment today.

UX LAB

Our amazing User Experience Laboratory, located in Gabel 212, is a fully operational research facility where students experiment with mobile and web-based applications to advance interface design. The lab is equipped with remote eye-trackers, a mobile eye-tracker, brain wave monitoring devices and more.

RESOURCE LABS

Visit our Makerspace Tools Lab to use 3D printers, LEGO Robotics or other technology, including those incorporating augmented reality. Our Windows Lab supports your data analysis, 3D design, audio/video/photo editing, design prototyping work and more.

"One of the challenges in educational technology and learning management systems has been user engagement, so programs like this provide an opportunity to really focus in - hone in - on that user engagement aspect. NIU is on the forefront of really understanding that user, and being able to build robust systems that are tailored to that particular user."



EXCELL LEWIS III
Graduate Student,
Ph.D. Instructional Technology

Change athletics and fitness, one human being at a time.

Interested in how athletes push their bodies and minds to or beyond the limits, how “the rest of us” can stay fit for a lifetime, how to instill the value of physical activity in all K-12 students or how to manage the business side of sports? If so, our Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education (KNPE) has a program for you. As the boundaries of athletics, fitness, exercise science and business constantly evolve, expand and intersect, you’ll learn from real-world-connected faculty on the forefront of these disciplines. KNPE offers undergraduate degrees, graduate degrees, minors and certificates. Visit cedu.niu.edu/KNPE for more information.

UNDERGRADUATE

B.S. Kinesiology
B.S.Ed. Physical Education
B.S. Sport Management

GRADUATE

M.S.A.T. Athletic Training
M.S.Ed. Kinesiology and Physical Education
M.S. Sport Management

CERTIFICATES OF GRADUATE STUDY

Adapted Physical Education
Sport and Exercise Psychology
Sport Management

MINORS

Coaching
Kinesiology and Physical Education
Sport Management
Sport Sales

KNPE laboratory space and equipment on par with many of the top programs in the world.

M. JOAN POPP MOTOR BEHAVIOR LABORATORY

This modern lab provides a Zeno walkway gait analysis system; a BIOPAC electroencephalography (EEG) system; motion capture technology; a Biodex balance system; and a force platform.

EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY LABORATORY

Students have access to treadmills; stationary bikes; testing equipment for submaximal and maximal oxygen uptake (VO₂ max), electrocardiogram (ECG), resting metabolic rate and Wingate anaerobic power.

BODY COMPOSITION LABORATORY

NIU is one of a very small number of peer institutions that utilizes a Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry, or DEXA, scanner in its kinesiology laboratories. The lab also contains a Bod Pod chamber and an InBody analyzer.

NEUROMUSCULAR LABORATORY

This space includes an underwater weighing tank and a HUMAC NORM isokinetic extremity system.

FITNESS LABORATORY

The cardio and weight training equipment in the Fit Lab serves teaching and research purposes but also provides a fitness facility for NIU Recreation and Wellness members.

SPORT PERFORMANCE LABORATORY

This space in Gabel Hall provides a classroom and weight room under one roof, allowing immediate application of new knowledge!

ATHLETIC TRAINING LABORATORY

Operated in collaboration with the Sports Medicine staff from NIU Athletics, this lab houses evaluation tables; cold tubs; ultrasound; light therapy; electrical stimulation; SimMan mannequin for simulating healthcare and emergency scenarios.



Life needs leadership. Leadership needs life.

How do we learn? How can we learn better? Why are educational systems structured the way they are, how have they evolved over time, and where are they going? What role does education play in shaping and shifting our society? Our Department of Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations (LEPF) shares your curiosity. We're also empowering educators to advance into principal and superintendent roles, and preparing school business managers. Visit cedu.niu.edu/lepf for more information.

GRADUATE

M.S.Ed. Educational Administration - Principal Preparation Program

M.S.Ed. Educational Psychology

M.S.Ed. School Business Management

Ed.S. Educational Administration - Superintendent Preparation Program

Ed.D. Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Ph.D. Educational Psychology

READY TO LEAD?

Graduate students in our Educational Administration degree programs learn not only in the classroom but in the living laboratory of schools through rigorous internship experiences that test their leadership and decision-making abilities while shaping their skills as reflective practitioners.



"The NIU College of Education gave me a profound understanding of the processes of how languages are learned and the variables that affect learning. It helped me connect with scholars from other countries and to make mutual contributions in terms of research and teaching. Above all, it gave me a multi-dimensional understanding of learning, motivation and adult learning."

**ALDO RODRIGUEZ, Ph.D.,
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**

National Director for Second Language Policies,
Teacher Trainer and Professor; Administración
Nacional de Educación Pública, Uruguay

Better the lives of those who need it the most.

Working with young learners and those with disabilities requires teachers to adapt to the unique skills and mindsets of those students — to meet them where they are, and to challenge them to grow. When you do it well, you make a large and lasting impact on their lives. Our Department of Special and Early Education (SEED) promotes and produces caring and inclusive communities for all learners and embraces assistive technology through a robust variety of undergraduate degrees, graduate degrees, minors and certificates. Visit cedu.niu.edu/seed for more information.

UNDERGRADUATE

- B.S. Early Childhood Education
- B.S.Ed. Special Education: Learning Behavior Specialist I
- B.S.Ed. Special Education: Special Populations
- B.S.Ed. Special Education: Vision Rehabilitation Therapy
- B.S.Ed. Special Education: Visual Impairments

GRADUATE

- M.S.Ed. Early Childhood Education
- M.S.Ed. Special Education:
 - Advanced Special Education Practices
 - Assistive Technology Used by Persons with Visual Impairments
 - Behavior Analysis
 - Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS) I
 - Orientation and Mobility
 - Visual Impairments
 - Vision Rehabilitation Therapy

MINOR

- Special Education Foundations

CERTIFICATES OF GRADUATE STUDY

- Assistive Technology Instructional Specialist for People with Visual Impairments
- Behavior Analyst
- Director of Special Education

CERTIFICATES OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

- Inclusive Teaching Practices
- Young Children with Disabilities Studies

We make learning a mutual process:

OPEN DOORS PROGRAM

Get in early and discover what it's like in primary-grade classrooms in a school where the majority of the children come from low-income diverse families. Interact with young minds in underserved communities — hearing their visions for their futures, and helping them draft plans to get there.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED VISION SPECIALIZATIONS

Want to help children and adults with visual impairment to live their fullest lives? Interested in a career in mobility training, assistive technology or rehabilitation therapy? Check out our Special Education: Visual Impairments program.

PENGUIN PLAYERS

You can mentor young adults with special needs as they participate in theater productions, such as "The Lion King," featured on the next page. Our students assist by shadowing, coaching and leading their "artists" during rehearsals and performances.



Take the next step in your journey.

We take pride in partnering with you to add greater dimensions to your skillsets and new credentials to your résumé as your career advances. With our graduate degrees and programs, you become not only a more marketable professional who's climbing "the ladder" faster but also a well-rounded practitioner.

That's true for Natalie Young — that's her on the far right — who earned her bachelor's degree in the NIU College of Education and now is an assistant professor here. Natalie first returned to Lincoln Elementary School in Bellwood, where she once was a student, to teach. Her desire to make a larger impact brought her back to NIU for a master's degree and, later, a doctorate. During her time as an instructor here, she created the "Open Doors" program to take our Early Childhood Education students to Bellwood to help children there aspire to — and draw roadmaps to — goals like Natalie's.

Already have a master's degree? Want to enhance your potential without an additional degree? Check out our certificates of graduate study, endorsements or credentials. The list is long, covering such areas as English as a Second Language (ESL)/Bilingual; Reading Specialist and/or Reading Teacher; Teacher Leader; and Technology Specialist. Visit go.niu.edu/coe-continue for the full menu.

Follow the footsteps of our graduate-level alumni. Your bachelor's degree is much more than your ticket to the first rung on the ladder. It's just the launching pad to the unlimited heights to which you can soar.



"I consistently recommend the NIU College of Education because of the personal feel and high expectations. As someone who hires teacher-candidates, I know that NIU graduates will likely be able to handle the rigors of teaching. NIU graduates are prepared to be exceptional candidates in the field and often are leaders in the profession."

TIM VINCENT, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

DeKalb Community Unit School District 428
Ed.S. Educational Administration
M.S.Ed. Educational Administration
B.S.Ed. Elementary Education



Is the NIU College of Education right for you? Come see.

ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE

Take a tour, attend a presentation, meet students and learn about our programs as well as academic and student life.

REGISTER FOR A TRANSFER VISIT

Transfers Get Information Fridays (TGIF) let potential transfer students talk with an admissions counselor, attend a presentation and tour campus.

GET A PERSONALIZED TOUR

During the school year, schedule a presentation and campus tour with an NIU student ambassador or faculty member, for a visit catered to you and your interests.

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