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The department also includes many other faculty specialized positions that contribute to the overall learning experience.



DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Department of Education embraces the mission and goals of the College with a particular emphasis on the role of preparing educators as leaders capable of pushing civilization forward on every frontier. With over 20 diverse majors in the field of teaching spanning early childhood to secondary education degrees, the Department of Education prepares teachers across a wide variety of disciplines including PreK-4 Elementary Education, Special Education PreK-8, 4-8 subject areas in Middle Level Education, 7-12 Secondary Education degrees in math, chemistry, physics, biology, general science, English, and in K-12 specialization areas in Spanish, French and music education.

MAJORS

Elementary Education: grade levels PreK-4 (82 credit hours)

Special Education: grade levels PreK-4; Elementary paired with Special Education K-8 (101 credit hours)

Middle Level Education: grade levels 4-8 in the following subject designations: math and science, math and English, math and history, science and English, and science and history (92-108 credit hours)

Secondary Education: grade levels 7-12 in the following subject designations: chemistry, chemistry with general science, physics, physics with general science, biology, biology with general science, history, English, and English with communications studies (85-111 credit hours)

Music: grade levels K-12 (97 credit hours)

Foreign Language: grade levels K-12 in the following subject designations: Spanish and French (73-82 credit hours)

Depending on requirements, some students are able to complete two areas of certification such as Special Education and Elementary Education, and Elementary Education and Middle Level Education.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL AREAS OF INTEREST

The Department of Education has a wide variety of special services, clubs and features. These areas include several honorary groups in various fields of education including Kappa Delta Pi, international education honorary. The Grove City chapter of Kappa Delta Pi has won numerous national awards for the vast service projects that impact the local community and campus. Other groups include the Society for Secondary Education, Lambda Epsilon Delta Elementary Education Honorary, Fellowship of Christian Educators and the Council for Exceptional Children. Students enjoy the vibrant campus resource of a Curriculum Library, full of materials to enhance their teaching ability including curricular guides, consumables and other teaching resources. The Curriculum Library is designated especially for education majors and overseen by a certified teacher. Grove City College also operates a full service preschool on campus. The Early Education Center offers students majoring in elementary and special education practical experiences with over 70 students and families from the local community. Furthermore, the department enjoys robust partnerships with area public and private schools to support the field based curriculum in teacher preparation.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Grove City College students work collaboratively with department members on a wide variety of research and service learning opportunities in our local community and beyond. There are many local, state, national and international opportunities for our students and faculty to engage with teachers and learners.

PRACTICAL AND STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

In addition to multiple field experiences and teaching opportunities in schools starting as early as the freshmen year, Grove City College students are provided with a wide network of opportunities to serve in summer work opportunities with organizations that have missions to serve school aged students. From academic programs for students who struggle, to gifted and talented programs, to camps and outreach opportunities for children and youth with special needs, GCC students enjoy a wealth of opportunities to continue to grow as educators during their time between semesters.

CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Grove City College's many education majors follow the standards established by the state of Pennsylvania. As such, Grove City College education graduates may be certified to teach in Pennsylvania and enjoy the mobility of a Pennsylvania teaching certificate to carry throughout the United States. GCC graduates are employed throughout the United States and the world in a wide variety of public and private schools and education related organizations and industries. Graduates also enjoy the added benefit of a dedicated Certification Officer and a specialized Office for Education Career Development to assist with college-to-career readiness. In fact, the Education Career Development Office serves both active students and alumni of the Grove City College education program.

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