

# EDUCATION

Making a difference in the lives of learners is the most important job of all.



I like being a big fish in a little pond. Clarke's education program has really provided me with an atmosphere to bask in that.

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Education '17

## THE SPECIFICS

We offer undergraduate degree programs leading to Bachelor of Arts degrees and licensure in elementary education and secondary education as well as majors or endorsements in 40 areas including:

- Special Education
- Middle School Teaching
- Reading
- Coaching
- Music
- Art

## TALK ABOUT TAKEOVER!

Clarke elementary and secondary education students go directly into classrooms and have the opportunity to teach and inspire K-12 students. This is the heart of our education program — the Professional Development School (PDS). This is a unique, hands-on experience where you interact with children in their classrooms while you develop your teaching skills.

Elementary and secondary education majors take their methods courses in a practicum on-site at local schools. This allows students to spend up to 600 hours in a school setting before student teaching (which is many times more than the state of Iowa requires). Each PDS classroom is taught by two professors in residence who guide and support the Clarke students during the beginning teaching experiences.

Nearly everyone can name a teacher who influenced or encouraged them somewhere along the way. Think about that. Who was it for you? A kindergarten teacher who pulled you out of your shell? That high school English teacher who pushed you to earn a scholarship?

## COOL CLASSES

**FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION** — In this class, students have their first professional experiences in the classroom. They participate in a variety of activities which may include observation, supervision, and supporting students in their learning activities.

**MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION** — This course involves a minimum of eight hours of volunteering with local organizations that serve diverse populations.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM** — Students have their own classroom in the summer and craft and teach their own reading program. They also can decorate the classroom to their taste!



**\$58,800**

The median annual wage for teachers, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



**1:1**

One-on-one instruction from doctoral-level faculty.



NEARLY  
**100%**

The high placement rate of Clarke graduates attests to the quality of preparation through PDS experiences.

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## GET AHEAD OF YOUR PEERS

Our Early-Access Master of Arts in Education Program (MAE) offers eligible undergraduate education students the opportunity to complete up to 15 hours of graduate credit towards Clarke's MAE.

## GRAD SCHOOL IN A SNAP

Clarke's competitive 4+1 Program means you can earn both your BA and MAE in five years total. Clarke partners with the Dubuque Community School District to secure a full-time, post-licensure practicum for an academic year in a classroom.

## SUPPORT AND LICENSURE

Clarke is very aware of the changes in each state of teaching licensure requirements. Classes have been aligned and created to make sure that all requirements are met. Time and energy have been spent to make sure the transition from Iowa licensure is as smooth as possible.

Clarke University Education Department is accredited by the Iowa Department of Education and holds membership in the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and the Iowa Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

Faculty members hold current teaching licenses and actively participate in the community by serving on advisory councils and providing resources to area schools.



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