Shape the next generation
Few people are in a better position to touch the lives of others than teachers.
Think about it: You can probably remember several teachers who had an impact on who you are today and who you’re becoming.

**BY BECOMING A TEACHER**, you can make that same kind of positive difference in people’s lives. And Oregon State University is a great place for you to start.

Oregon State offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs to prepare teachers, counselors, community college administrators, student services professionals and other education leaders. This includes an innovative double-degree program where you’ll earn one degree in education and a second in your chosen field.

You’ll complete your degree ready to teach at one or more of the following levels: early childhood (age 3–grade 4), elementary (grades 3–8), middle (grades 5–9) and high school (grades 9–12).

And as an Oregon State graduate, you’ll join an outstanding group of award-winning teachers, principals, superintendents, college faculty and administrators — people who are shaping the future, touching lives and strengthening communities.
Make a lesson plan

Preparation

Whether you're entering the classroom to teach or to learn, you should have a plan in mind. If you're looking to teach, you'll want to pursue a strong and varied academic program before college to prepare for your education studies. And if you want to teach at the high school level, you should take any courses that are available in the area you want to teach.

Careers

On to the next classroom

An education degree opens doors to a wide range of careers involving teaching, advising or administering in school, community and business settings.
Particularly helpful ways to prepare:

1. Work with children and youth. Get a job in an after-school club, volunteer to coach, read to children in a library, work as a counselor for an outdoor school, mentor in a high school, serve as a tutor or teacher’s aide or find other ways to become involved with people in the age group you want to teach.

2. Learn another language. Study a language so you can communicate more effectively with students and parents as a teacher. The most useful second languages in Oregon are Spanish and Russian.

3. Learn about other cultures. Learn as much as possible about other cultures — and more about your own — so you can share this knowledge with your students.

4. Learn about a variety of subjects. Teachers are curious about everything and may be called upon to teach many subjects, including reading, math, languages, science and art. Middle and high school teachers usually teach only one or two subjects, but you should start now to learn as much as possible about the subject you want to teach.

5. Talk with your favorite teachers. Find out what they like about their job and whether they have any recommendations that can help you prepare for your career.

Prospective teachers learn a lot by actually getting out and teaching. Oregon State’s teacher education programs give you hands-on experience by putting you in public school classrooms where you will work with students under the guidance of professional teachers.

With an education degree, you might be:

- A preschool teacher in a day care or business setting.
- An elementary, middle or high school teacher.
- A school counselor (after additional preparation in counselor education).
- The director of an adult education program for a community, agency or business.
- A bilingual education teacher working with students whose native language is not English.
- A community-based educator with 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA or other organizations.
- A university or school administrator.
There are many paths to becoming a teacher, and Oregon State will help you find yours. We'll work with you to find a teaching or administrative-oriented program in the area that best matches your interests.

Oregon State offers teacher preparation programs for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade in public schools, as well as adult education programs for people who want to work in an administrative, workplace or community setting. We have strong programs in math and science, agricultural education, music and physical education. Our undergraduate curriculum includes a double-degree program where you'll earn one degree in education and another in your chosen field. For the options available at Oregon State, see the list below.

Choose your path, and we'll help you get there. After graduation, you'll be qualified to apply for a teaching license at one of the following authorization levels:

- Early Childhood Education (age 3-grade 4)
- Elementary Education (grades 3-8)
- Middle School (grades 5-9)
- High School (grades 9-12)

If you choose to teach at the middle or high school levels, you may earn up to two endorsements in:

- Agriculture
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Health
- Integrated Science
- Language Arts (English)
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Social Studies

All College of Education students may elect to pursue their English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) or ESOL-bilingual (Spanish) endorsements along with their subject endorsement.
All Oregon State teacher education programs include extensive field experience in public schools. In addition, they are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.
Additional programs

Other ways to learn

Oregon State offers a resource-rich environment that encourages you to take advantage of opportunities like the University Honors College, International Degree and Study Abroad programs. And because so much of teaching is hands-on, you’ll also have opportunities to work with public school students through multiple classes and volunteer programs.

Your first year

Suggested first-year curriculum

For teachers and other education professionals, it’s vital to have a broad and comprehensive base of knowledge. As an undergraduate, you’ll complete education coursework and classroom experience in your first year, along with beginning courses in your area of interest. You’ll also develop critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills through classes from Oregon State’s Baccalaureate Core — the physical and biological sciences, arts and humanities, mathematics, writing, fitness, cultural diversity and freshman orientation.

As a double-degree student, you’ll have an adviser in both the College of Education and in your primary degree area. To make sure you get off to a good start and stay on course for graduation, you should meet with an adviser as you plan your first-year program — and at regular intervals after that.
Scholarships
Help to get you started

Anything worthwhile, including college, requires an investment. But we might be able to help with some of the costs. Scholarships are available at the university level, as well as from individual colleges and departments for both new and continuing students. Most scholarships are awarded based on information in the Oregon State scholarship application submitted with your application for admission, but others require separate applications. The deadline for applying for university scholarships is Feb. 1. Be sure to check with your college and department on the deadlines for other scholarships.

In addition, the College of Education has an extensive scholarship program; visit oregonstate.edu/education for more information.
See yourself here
Be sure to visit

The best way to see yourself as an Oregon State student is to come visit. Set up a campus tour and arrange to talk with people in your area of academic interest by calling the Office of Admissions at 800-291-4192 or visiting oregonstate.edu/admissions.

For more information:

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- College of Education ......................... 541-737-4661
  oregonstate.edu/education

- College of Liberal Arts ......................... 541-737-0561
  oregonstate.edu/cla

- College of Public Health and Human Sciences .. 888-219-4513
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- College of Science ......................... 541-737-4811
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