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## SECONDARY EDUCATION *College of Education*

### INTRODUCTION

The Department of Educational Studies: K-12 and Secondary Programs (KSP) is responsible for providing professional education for secondary teachers. The general goals of this program: To acquaint students with attitudes, methods, and technology applicable to a variety of teaching-learning situations. To make available pre-professional clinical experiences in order to introduce students to the total school milieu. To provide direct experience of classroom teaching under supervision. To develop an understanding of curriculum design. Emphasis shall be on acquiring knowledge, professional skills, and dispositions needed for effective teaching.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM

K-12 teaching and secondary school teaching require a wide variety of skills and aptitudes, including a talent for working with children; organizational, administrative, and record keeping abilities; research and communication skills; the power to influence, motivate, and train others; patience and creativity. Workers in other occupations requiring some of these aptitudes include college and university faculty, counselors, education administrators, employment interviewers, librarians, public relations specialists, sales representatives, social workers, trainers and employee development specialists also require these skills.

According to the National Education Association, the estimated average salary for Public School Teachers is \$56,000. Teachers earning a Masters in conjunction with classroom experience are generally eligible for additional economic compensation.

#### What can I do with this program?

While becoming a teacher is the primary goal in KSP, a teaching license can be a springboard for a variety of professional careers.

Students who complete this program will be prepared to teach in diverse educational settings and meet the needs of their students, school, and communities with an active focus on equity and anti-racism in education.

The KSP department strives to meet the College of Education's vision to inspire future educators through racial consciousness, social justice, and inclusion in professional education.

### THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

#### Accreditations

Accredited by Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation. Approved by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB).

#### Faculty

All faculty have K-12 and/or 5-12 teaching experience. No courses are taught by teaching assistants.

### STUDENT EXPERIENCE/ PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

#### Faculty/student ratio

1:27

#### Specialized equipment/facilities

KSP technology enhanced classroom

#### Unique program components

- Co-Teaching with cooperating teachers in the schools in each semester of KSP coursework structures the program. A full semester of student-teaching at the middle school and high school level. Contact the Dean's office in the College of Education for more information.
- Clusters for professional coursework
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

## EDUCATION LICENSURE AREAS

You can obtain a MN teaching license in the following content areas:

K-12 Licensure Areas	
•	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
•	Physical Education / Health
•	Developmental Adapted Physical Education - Minor
•	World Languages and Cultures (French, German, and Spanish)
•	Visual Arts
•	Vocal Music and Instrumental Music

5-12 Licensure Content Areas	
•	Business Education
•	(articulation with Winona) <a href="http://winona.edu/bued/index.htm">winona.edu/bued/index.htm</a> )
•	Communication Arts and Literature
•	Family Consumer Science
•	Mathematics
•	Chemistry
•	Earth and Space Science
•	Life Science
•	Physics
•	Social Studies

## HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Volunteer experiences in middle school and junior high classrooms.  
Volunteer experiences involving summer camps or tutoring.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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