

**College of Education (COE), Northern Arizona University
General Information 2011-2012**

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Highlights about the College of Education:

The College of Education at NAU continues to serve students throughout Arizona. Each year, we prepare hundreds of teacher candidates; our graduate offerings are the largest of any college of education in the state.

- NCATE accreditation for all programs that prepare school professionals.
- NAU ranks 4th in the nation for Bachelor's degrees in education for Native Americans
- NAU ranks 1st in the nation for graduating Native Americans with Master's degrees in education.
- NAU ranks 8th in the nation for Latinos graduating with bachelor's degrees in education.
- NAU ranks 10th in the nation for Latinos graduating with Master's degrees in education.

Undergraduate Students (Spring 2011): 1,727

Graduate Students (Spring 2011): 2,230

Full-time faculty: 91

College of Education Priority Funds:

The COE Education Fund is the general fund for the college. This fund is our most important means of supporting students through scholarships, student clubs and activities, and student travel; this fund also supports faculty awards/recognition, updating technology for the classrooms, hosting educational events and special projects.

Rodel Exemplary Teachers

Funds from COE donors have enabled us to participate in the Rodel Exemplary Teacher program. This program matches outstanding student teachers with model teachers in high-poverty schools. Both the student teachers and the cooperating teachers receive savings bonds upon completion of their commitments to teach needy students.

Education House

- Community of approximately 50 freshmen who reside together in Cowden Hall.
- Provides a professional development opportunity for freshmen education majors within a residential setting.
- Designed to build a community of future educators dedicated to sharing a common interest.
- Provides in-hall programs specific to current trends and issues in education. Quarterly meetings are held with faculty members from the College of Education.

Current Need: scholarship support for living expenses of students.

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights about the **Department of Teaching and Learning and the Department of Educational Specialties:**

PRAXIS Program

- Only local school-based program specifically designed for special/elementary education dual majors.
- Designed to prepare students to effectively instruct all of the learners in their classrooms.
- By the end of the program, students will have spent several hundred hours working with children with and without disabilities.
- Employees often say that PRAXIS candidates are like 2nd year teachers when they begin their careers.

Local elementary/secondary partnerships

- School-based teacher education programs that give student interns the opportunity to teach 2-3 hours/day under the guidance of mentor teachers and university instructors.
- Course work in the content and methods of elementary or secondary education is delivered on site or Campus Home Base.
- University faculty, public school teachers and administrators team to provide instruction and supervise the teaching of student interns.
- Locations include DeMiguel, Mountain, and Knoles schools in Flagstaff (elementary) and Flagstaff High School (secondary).

Technology Education

- On-line master's degree available in educational technology and Career Technology Education.
- Technology integrated throughout teacher education programs, including an electronic portfolio.
- CTE graduates are prepared to work in industry or assume the role of a teacher in high school CTE classrooms.

Highlights about the **Department of Educational Psychology:**

- Prepares counseling and psychology professionals in assessment, intervention, follow-up, and evaluation of individuals, families, groups, and organizations.
- Doctoral programs with emphases in School Psychology and Counseling Psychology.

Opportunities to support EPS:

- The Meagan Danielson Scholarship honors a deceased graduate student by assisting other educational psychology masters and doctoral students.
- The Jerry Petersen Scholarship, named for a much-loved professor, provides support for graduate students completing their dissertations.
- Faculty and students provide books, sporting goods, and other needed items to youth and families living in Supai in Grand Canyon Outreach activities also provide an opportunity for future teachers, counselors, and psychologists to assist in classrooms, literacy fairs, and other activities on the reservation.

Highlights about the **Department of Educational Leadership:**

- Offers graduate degree programs in Educational Leadership at both the Masters and Doctoral levels.
- Areas of emphasis in the Master's degree are the principalship, school leadership, community college/higher education, and educational foundations.
- Specialization areas in the doctoral degree are K-12 school administration, community college/adult education, higher education administration, and educational foundations.
- Offers doctoral cohort programs to serve students in and around Arizona.
- Offers non-degree certification programs leading to state certification as a principal or superintendent in the public schools.

Successes:

- Dr. Rosemary Papa, Del & Jewell Lewis Endowed Chair, continues in her position of state learner-centered leadership.
- Scholarship: The Lyle Mullens Scholarship is an annual award that supports a graduate student in the educational leadership program.

Current Needs:

- Endowment: The department is seeking support for a second endowed chair position.
- Scholarship: The department is seeking support for additional scholarships for students in the educational leadership program.
- Special Projects: The department is seeking contributions to the educational leadership special projects fund. Donations to the special projects fund are used for expenses associated with research and curriculum development, including consultant fees, graduate assistants, re-assigned time for faculty, publication costs, and incidental expenses.