

**College of Education (COE), Northern Arizona University
General Information Fall 2009**

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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, and among the largest in the nation.

- Recognized recently for graduating more Native American master's students than any other university in the nation.
- Fourth in the nation for graduating Hispanic master's degree students.
- Consistently in the top 10 total number of minority bachelor degrees and minority master's degrees.
- Candidate for NCATE accreditation for all programs that prepare school professionals (decision in October).

Undergraduate Students (Fall 08): 1,773

Graduate Students (Fall 08): 3,570

Full-time faculty: 125

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, as well as student travel; this fund also supports faculty awards/recognition, updating technology for the classrooms, hosting educational events, limited research 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.

NAU Teach

A recent award from the National Science and Math Initiative, the Helios Foundation, and Exxon-Mobil have allowed Northern Arizona University to create a replication of the highly-successful UTeach model. UTeach, pioneered at the University of Texas at Austin, provides stipends to encourage outstanding math and science majors to pursue teaching in an innovative, practical program.

Education House

- Community of approximately 40 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.

Need: scholarship support for living expenses of students.

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Teaching and Learning has four different partnerships with schools. These partnerships prepare teachers in guided experiences in the schools, maximizing their understanding of the integration of theory to practice.

Two secondary education partnerships.

I-STEP models and provides experiences for transformative, democratic education.

S.I.T.E provides a progressive school environment at Sedona Red Rock High School (available Fall 2010).

Two elementary (K-8) partnerships.

Christensen Partnership provides integrated courses with a focus on literature and literacy and opportunities for students to become culturally-responsive, reflective practitioners.

DeMiguel/Knoles Professional Development School program focuses on school innovation and prepares pre-service teachers to become "agents of change."

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

PRAXIS and Flowing Wells (Tucson) Programs

- School-based programs 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.

Technology education

- On-line master's degree available in educational technology.
- Technology integrated throughout teacher education programs, including an electronic portfolio.

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.
- 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.
- Contributions to fund annual Havasupai Indian tribe school and community outreach events, such as book drives, food drives, and recreational activities.

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 serve students in and around Arizona.
- Offers non-degree certification programs leading to state certification as a principal or superintendent in the public schools.

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, particularly to support rural educators becoming principals.
- 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.