Why Teacher Education at Bethany?

Bethany College has included programs for teacher preparation in its curriculum since its founding in 1881. Today, Bethany students can receive education leading to licensure at the elementary (K-6), secondary (6-12), and PreK-12 levels in Art, Vocal and Instrumental Music, Health and Physical Education. Bethany offers endorsements in Special Education and English Language Learners (ELL).

The teacher education faculty includes full-time professors who come from a variety of educational backgrounds and years of classroom experience. Close to 85% of our graduates have jobs in the field of education within six months of graduating from Bethany College. Over 600 teachers from Bethany College are currently teaching in Kansas, as shown by recent research. The teacher education program at Bethany is approved and accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education.

Additional endorsements may be acquired in High-Incidence Special Education in grades K-6, 6-12, and Pre K-12; English Language Learners in K-6, 6-12; and preparation for Middle Level grades 5-8 Endorsements. Candidates who graduate with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Bethany College are qualified to pursue advanced degrees in other educational fields.
Program Mission
The Bethany College Education Department strives to instill in candidates the knowledge base, teaching skills, and professional attitudes and values necessary to become exceptional, reflective teachers in a diverse culture.

Program Vision
We believe teacher education is a cooperative venture in building relationships and empowering candidates to be knowledgeable, skillful, and inspiring professionals who focus on the interests, welfare, and success of learners.

Professional Education Program Courses
Classroom Management
Educational Psychology
Foundations of Education
Instructional Technology for Teachers
Introduction to Teacher Education & the Teaching Profession
Introduction to Infants, Children & Youth with Special Needs
Social, Cultural, and Language Diversity
Content methods courses
Field experience opportunities
Clinical Practice 16 week experience

“The professors within the Bethany College Education Department truly model what an excellent teacher is. They put in time and effort for each pre-service teacher, ensuring that we are equipped with the essential skills and support needed when we enter our first classroom, even after graduation.” — Kristen Hanks, 2018 graduate

Career Opportunities
Teacher of Elementary Education, K-6
Teacher of Grades 6-12 in the fields of:
Biology
Chemistry
Business
English
Social Science
Mathematics

Teacher of Pre K-12 in the fields of:
Health & Physical Education
Art Education
Instrumental or Vocal Music Education

Endorsements
High-Incidence Special Education, K-6, 6-12, Pre K-12
English Language Learner K-6, 6-12

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Affiliated ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

100% of Bethany students receive SCHOLARSHIPS

Get involved: 25+ organizations 43 choices of majors 19+ NAIA sports & intramurals

100+ campus events 14 average class size 12:1 Student-Faculty ratio

Ranked #2 among Midwest College campus’s for ethnic diversity by U.S. News & World Report

Founded in 1881 by Swedish-Lutheran Settlers

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