

# Education

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## ***Preparing for tomorrow's classrooms***

Goshen College seeks to graduate teachers who interact with their students, and the content they teach, to construct meaning for living responsibly in a changing world. Programs offered include: elementary education (K-6); elementary/special education (K-6); all grade education in visual arts, music, physical education and English as a new language (K-12); and secondary education (5-12) in various subject areas.

GC's teacher education programs meet standards set by state and national accrediting agencies. Department faculty members are actively involved in the world of education, teaching in the college laboratory kindergarten or working collaboratively in public school settings.

GC prepares teachers to be lifelong learners who are also professionally active. They also invite pre-service teachers to put their faith into practice in all aspects of teaching and learning.

Several themes emerge throughout all teacher education courses: (1) an emphasis on teaching diverse student populations, including those with special needs; (2) principles of peacemaking inside and outside of the classroom, including conflict resolution skills; and (3) an approach to curriculum which integrates content within and across the disciplines as well as with students' lives.

## ***Elementary education (K-6)***

Upon completion of a major in elementary education, you will be eligible to be certified to teach kindergarten through sixth grade. Fieldwork takes place in a variety of classroom settings where students learn to teach language arts, math, social studies, science, art, physical education and music. Students also explore approaches to classroom management, discipline and evaluation.

## ***Elementary education/Special education (K-6)***

GC offers certification in exceptional needs: mild intervention for K-6. It is a certification that must be completed at the same time as an elementary education certification.

## ***Music, physical education, visual arts or English as a new language (K-12)***

GC offers an all-grade education program. All-grade education focuses on the content area while including requirements for general and professional education. Concentrations in music, physical education, visual arts or English as a new language are available.

## ***Secondary education (5-12)***

GC offers teaching majors in business, chemistry, English, English as a new language, journalism, life science, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, physical sciences, social studies, Spanish, theater arts and visual arts.

## ***Special attributes of Goshen's program***

Elementary and Exceptional Needs dual certification program – Nationally there is a critical shortage of special education teachers. Completing this dual certification program increases a candidate's marketability dramatically. In addition, all classrooms include students with special needs. We believe that all special education teachers need to know what regular classroom teachers know, and all regular classroom teachers need to know what special education teachers know. The marriage of these two licensure content areas will prepare candidates to meet the needs of ALL students in their classrooms.

Schools continue to have a need for teachers who have skills in working with students who do not speak English as their first language. GC is one of about 30 colleges in the United States offering an undergraduate licensing area in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

Schools are also desirous of having teachers who are well trained in mediation and conflict transformation. As a part of the teacher education degree all students will be able to earn a conflict transformation certificate.

GC is fortunate to have integrated Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center into content area courses so all elementary majors have the opportunity to work in environmental education as part of their program.

## ***Admission to the program***

Students generally apply for admission to the GC teacher education program during their sophomore year. Admission to the program includes successful completion of the reading, communication and mathematics sections of the Pre-Professional Skills Test, a review of your high school record, your performance in early fieldwork experiences, references from former teachers, your experience with children or youth and a written essay about your goals. Teacher education students must maintain a 2.5 GPA overall and a 2.8 GPA in their content area. All content related courses for the licensure content area must be passed with at least a "C."

## ***Laboratory kindergarten***

The laboratory kindergarten is an integral part of teacher education at GC. It provides opportunities for (1) observation of child development and behavior; (2) observation of teaching procedures; (3) participation experiences; and (4) field placements for kindergarten practicum.

## **Fieldwork experiences**

An important part of GC's teacher education program is learning first-hand in the schools. You will work in a variety of settings with diverse populations of students. If Study-Service Term (SST) is part of your international education experience, you will also have the opportunity to work with children or youth in another culture.

## **Student teaching experience**

School systems in the area cooperate with GC to provide strong and varied student teaching experiences. Preservice teachers experience a broad spectrum of classroom situations. During your student teaching experience, you will work 12 or more weeks full time in a local school system. You will be supervised by classroom teachers and college professors.

## **Certification for teaching**

After satisfactorily finishing an approved teaching program and successfully completing the Praxis II exam, you will be recommended for licensure. GC graduates are generally eligible for initial or conditional certification in other states.

## **Accreditation**

GC is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is authorized by the Indiana State Board of Education to prepare teachers for elementary and secondary schools. The teacher education program has been accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education since 1954.

## **Facilities**

- laboratory kindergarten
- Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, a nature conservancy
- curriculum library
- Peace Curriculum Collection
- Royer Reading Room (children's literature collection)

## **Faculty**

**Christine Bonfiglio**, Ph.D.; assistant professor of education; B.A., Indiana University South Bend, 1996; M.A., 2002, Ph.D., 2003, Western Michigan University.

**Kevin Gary**, Ph.D.; assistant professor of education; B.A., 1992, M.A., 1997, University of Notre Dame; M.Ed., 2001, Ph.D., 2005, Loyola University.

**Marg Mast**, Ph.D.; associate professor of education; B.A., Goshen College, 1987; M.A., Our Lady of the Lake University, 1993; Ph.D., University of Texas, 2002.

**Kathryn Meyer Reimer**, Ph.D.; professor of education; B.A., Goshen College, 1983; M.A., 1988, Ph.D., 1991, University of Illinois.

**Barbara Stahly**, M.A.; assistant professor of education and director of Laboratory Kindergarten; B.A., Goshen College, 1970; M.A., Indiana University, 1973.

## **Typical plan of study**

### **First year**

Biological Science  
Physical Science  
Literature and Writing  
Oral Communication  
Transforming Violence and Conflict  
Inclusive Schooling  
Expository Writing  
General education

### **Sophomore year**

CPR/First Aid  
Mediation Process  
SST or alternate  
Educational Psychology  
Children's Literature (elementary)  
Health/PE for Children (elementary)  
Exceptional Students / Adolescent Exceptional Students  
General education

### **Junior year**

Literacy I and II (elementary)  
Fine Arts for Children (theater, music, art) (elementary)  
Curriculum Studies: science, social studies, math (elementary)  
Learning Disorders (elementary)  
Social/Emotional Disorders (elementary)  
Adaptation and Assessment (elementary)  
Math for Elementary Classroom Teachers I and II (elementary)  
General education  
Secondary Curriculum and Instruction (secondary)  
Secondary Curriculum Content Methods (secondary)  
Middle School Curriculum and Instruction (secondary)

### **Senior year**

Student Teaching (fall)  
Elementary/Secondary Education Seminar  
Special Education Issues (elementary)  
Conflict Theory and Practice  
Conservation or Studies in Environmental Education (elementary)  
General education