

# College of Education



**MADONNA  
UNIVERSITY**

*Livonia, Michigan, USA*

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The mission of the College of Education is consistent with the educational philosophy of the University — that of truth and service, integrated with Christian humanistic values. Students seeking initial certification participate in a curriculum, approved by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, that is designed to prepare caring, competent and professional educators. Graduate programs offer inservice teachers an opportunity to improve their classroom skills while adding new endorsements to their certificates. All College of Education courses include the themes of diversity, reflection and collaboration.



## Child Development/ Early Childhood Education

### Program features

The **Child Development** program offers a major and minor. To strengthen career options, the child development major can be effectively combined with another major, such as psychology or social work. **Early Childhood Education** is a minor offered for elementary teacher certification. The Early Childhood Endorsement program is offered both at the undergraduate and post bachelor levels. A distinctive feature of the program is that it combines general classroom preparation with early childhood theory and practice.

### Career options

Students graduating from the Child Development program may pursue career opportunities such as head teacher for Head Start, child care center director, or consultant to business and industry. Teachers in the Early Childhood Education program will find they are well-prepared to teach at the elementary level.



## Family & Consumer Sciences

### Program features

Designed for students in teacher education, the **Family and Consumer Sciences** program prepares students to teach life management education and family and consumer science. The major may be used for elementary and secondary teaching certificates. A secondary teacher vocational authorization is also available.

### Career options

Graduates from the program are equipped to conduct life management classes, as well as those in family and consumer science, at the elementary and secondary level.

## Teacher Education

### Program features

The **Teacher Education** program prepares students to provide caring, competent, and professional service to children in K-12 educational settings. The elementary and secondary teacher preparation programs are approved by the Michigan Department of Education and accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The University recommends students for both provisional certificates and the Professional Education Certificate, as well as additional endorsements to existing certificates.

Teaching certificates can be earned in the following majors: art, biology, chemistry, communication arts, computer science (secondary only), English, English/Journalism, English/Speech, general science (elementary only), history, family & consumer science (home economics), Japanese, mathematics, music education,

natural science, social studies, sociology, Spanish, and Vocational Trades in child care & guidance, health occupations, home economics and trade & industry.

Some of the above subjects and the following additional subjects are available as minors for teaching certificates: early childhood education, journalism, physics, political science, and speech.

### Career options

The Teacher Education program has graduates working in public and private K-12 schools throughout Michigan.

## Master's Degree Programs

The College of Education offers four graduate level programs for teachers to enhance their career options and professional development.

The Master of Arts in Teaching with a specialty in **Learning Disabilities** reflects the requirements of the Michigan Department of Education for K-12 endorsement in the Learning Disabilities. This degree provides comprehensive study that will foster an understanding of all mildly handicapped children and youth, as well as inspire reflection of contemporary issues in the field of education.

The Master of Arts in Teaching with a specialty in **Literacy Education** is a graduate degree program designed to enable classroom teachers certified at the elementary, middle school, or secondary level to develop the competencies that qualify them as reading specialists according to the criteria of the International Reading Association and the Michigan Department of Education.

Madonna University has joined with the Archdiocese of Detroit Office for Catholic Schools and Sacred Heart Major Seminary to offer a 32 semester hour graduate program leading to a Master of Science in Administration with a specialty in **Catholic School Leadership**. Following the guidelines for administrator certification, this interdisciplinary program is designed for pursuit by part-time students with a full-time work commitment.

The Master of Science in Administration with a specialty in **Educational Leadership** is structured to meet the need for leaders in diverse educational settings, who will not only be effective managers but also enlightened educators and instructional leaders.

## Programs for Certified Teachers

Plans to renew Provisional certificates, earn and retain Professional Education and Occupational Education certificates may use our graduate degree programs. Alternatively, plans may be written to complete requirements for certificate endorsements in additional subjects, add a new level (elementary, secondary, middle school or early childhood), or a teacher may develop a customized plan to update skills and further professional growth.



## Our Faculty

College of Education faculty serve as role models and mentors to students and encourage them to seek out continuous improvement of their teaching methods. Faculty members are familiar with local school district needs and continually seek to provide students with the tools necessary to meet district expectations.

## What Our Alumni and Students Say

“The program is fluent and well-organized. They make it very convenient for you.” — Duke Lawson, '95, BA, History and '98, MSA, Educational Leadership

“The Education Department provides instruction and placement experiences that are both relevant and applicable to classroom teaching. As a student teacher, I am proud to say that I am from Madonna University.” — Vicki Mayes, undergraduate student

“Madonna’s teachers are the driving force for me. They valued me as a student and a person.” — Natalie Huntington, '98, MAT, Learning Disabilities

“As a future teacher, I was provided with a chance to work with a variety of students, with regard to their learning capabilities.” — Steven Yancura, undergraduate student

“I returned to Madonna because of the warm feeling you receive there — the faculty and staff welcome you. All the graduate classes I took were extremely relevant and useful. Also, the schedule of classes is perfect for me, a full-time working mother.” — Gayle Killingbeck, '96, BA, Art and '99, MSA, Educational Leadership

“My master’s degree in literacy education empowered me. Madonna gave me the expertise I need to diagnose reading strengths and weaknesses in my third grade students.” — Marilyn Kowalkowski, '99, MAT, Literacy Education

“This past fall, I became the new principal at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School. The courses in the Catholic School Leadership program helped me to take on this new leadership role.” — Denise Lokuta, graduate student

“Because I did my undergraduate work at a small college, I was happy to find another comfortable, caring place at which I could work on my master’s degree.” — Ken Fenchel, graduate student



## Mission Statement

The mission of Madonna University, a Catholic and Franciscan institution, is to instill in its students Christian humanistic values, intellectual inquiry, a respect for diversity, and a commitment to serving others through a liberal arts education, integrated with career preparation and based on the truths and principles recognized within a Catholic tradition.

# A Quality Education at Madonna University

- Michigan's most affordable, independent, liberal arts university
- Enrollment: Approximately 4,000 degree seeking students
- Accreditation by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504, 312/263-0456)
- Associate, Bachelor and Master Degrees
- Flexible schedule of classes: morning, afternoon, evening, Saturday and telecourses
- Personalized attention: Student/faculty ratio is 15 to 1.
- Students have access to the Internet, e-mail, World Wide Web and technology classrooms
- Opportunity to earn college credit for prior learning
- Easy access from major freeways, with free, lighted parking and a barrier-free campus
- Cooperative education and job placement for all majors
- A values-based education with service learning opportunities
- Residence hall housing for 150 students

## Admission Requirements

Admission to the University as an undergraduate is granted to high school graduates with a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.75 or transfer applicants who have earned a minimum cumulative college grade point average of 2.0. Provisional admission is offered to those applicants whose credentials may not satisfy the above criteria but whose maturity and seriousness of purpose indicate evidence of possible success.

The University welcomes applications from college graduates who seek to pursue a master's degree on a full- or part-time basis. Contact the Office of Graduate Studies for specific admissions requirements.

## For Information or a Campus Visit

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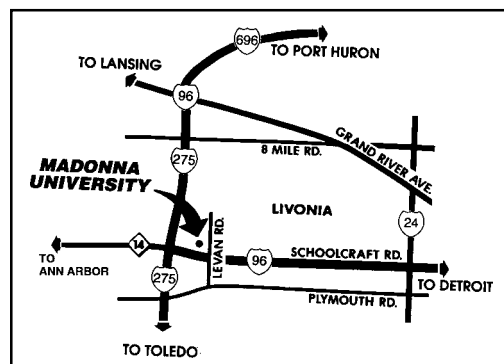
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