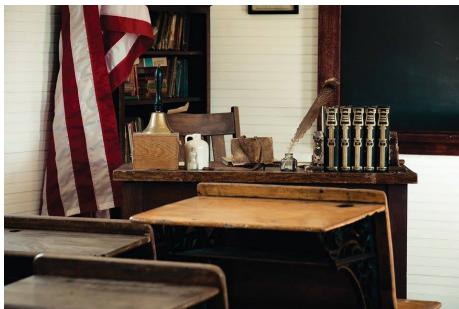


Student Success in the College of Education

“Creating A Legacy of Learning”

“The mission of the College of Education is to prepare professional educators to work in diverse classrooms in the state of Missouri and in classrooms throughout other regions of the United States and the world. As our state’s number one producer of teachers, counselors, administrators, and child/family life specialists, we encourage all students to become life-long learners and we provide them career-long opportunities to exercise their talents as citizen teachers who are creative problem solvers and effective decision-makers. Our students, faculty, and staff live the University’s mission of public affairs by demonstrating what is meant by community engagement, cultural competency, and ethical leadership.”



A One Room Schoolhouse at MSU

As students begin their journey as future educators, the passage begins far before they reach the Missouri State University campus. This journey begins with our outreach efforts to prospective high school and transfer students who are interested in the education field, and with our Counselors to Campus event. The number of events are wide and varied that offer prospective students and their parents an opportunity to meet with the extraordinary faculty and staff of the College of Education on and off campus. The Counselors to Campus event which began in the fall of 2013 has been a great success. It attracts high school

counselors and teachers from across the state of Missouri to the MSU campus and introduces them to:

- ▶ The College of Education
- ▶ The faculty and Staff of the College
- ▶ COE’s 17 undergraduate and graduate programs
- ▶ Missouri State University
- ▶ The Springfield area

Counselors and teachers can then return to their respective high schools and share their firsthand experiences with students who are interested in Missouri State University.



Duany Ramos reading to students

Once students reach campus, our talented team of Professional Advisors builds a close working relationship with each student. They assist students in developing a plan of study as well as closely monitor students’ academic progress as they grow into ‘ethical talented leaders’ in the education arena. We offer several education courses developed to induct our students into the education field as well as into MSU’s College of Education. These courses include:

- ▶ ECE 150–designed to initiate transfer students to the College of Education
- ▶ ELE 302–designed to initiate elementary teacher candidates to COE’s programs
- ▶ GEP 101–A special section designed for first year students interested in Education. Students can become quickly involved in several clubs and organizations that are geared toward those interested in specific aspects of the education arena



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that help them to become ‘engaged in the community.’ These clubs and organizations directed by faculty in the College include the Student International Reading Association (SIRA), Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC), Student National Education Association (SNEA), Student Missouri State Teachers Association (SMSTA), and the Child Life Student Association (CLSA). These



An MSU Student Teacher enjoying afternoon recess with a student

groups’ help students get involved in their specific academic areas and allow students the opportunity to engage in the university and the surrounding communities. ‘Cultural competence’ is one of MSU’s



Dr. Jeffrey Cornelius-White with Study Away students in Argentina

Public Affairs Pillars, and is also a fundamental value of the College of Education. Our candidates increasingly come from diverse backgrounds and they work and grow in situations that allow them to become ‘culturally competent’ to work in various diverse settings, locally, regionally, and globally. MSU’s educator preparation programs all provide multiple and varied opportunities for students to learn the art and science of education in diverse real life settings. Many of the education courses include a service-learning component that allows our students to become engaged in the community as they to move from theory-to-practice. Students work with infants and preschoolers at the Child Development Center (CDC) and K-12th graders in Greenwood Laboratory School both located on the MSU campus. Students can take part in a ‘study-away’ excursion to Costa Rica where they work in elementary schools and to South Africa where our child life students work in

hospitals. Our students work in schools during their internships and clinical experiences supervised by our faculty, they participate in after-school programs in local schools and non-profit organizations which include working with English Language Learners, and teacher education students’ cap off their practical experience with student teaching.



MSU Special Education majors at the 2014 International Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention in Philadelphia with Dr. Reesha Adamson

It goes without saying that the College of Education provides resources that assist in building a sense of community to ensure that our students are prepared to enter the education profession. Those resources include:

- ▶ Designated computer labs for education students in the College of Education
- ▶ The Education Curriculum Resource Center located in the Meyer library
- ▶ The MSU Student Employment Office which assists students in locating part-

time employment in the education arena
 ▶ The MSU Career Center offers an Education Day each spring which brings prospective school district employers from across Missouri and other surrounding states to interview our graduates.



Duany Ramos with High School students at COE's Hispanic Outreach Initiative

The development of educated persons is the University’s underlying commitment that compels us to provide the highest quality teaching, research and service to our students and community. No other institution has a greater legacy or prouder tradition associated with the preparation of professional educators than does MSU. Students have come to MSU to prepare for careers in education - teaching, administration, counseling, child/family life and a number of other specialties - since 1905. Missouri State University is a leader among higher education institutions that prepare educators in Missouri and throughout the United States. One in eight classrooms in the state of Missouri is led by a MSU graduate. Because of the strength of our programs and the legacy of our tradition, many of our highly qualified COE students are offered positions before they graduate and leave our programs. The MSU-College of Education journey does not end upon graduation. Our students receive continual professional development through the Southwest Beginning Teacher Assistance (BTA) Collaborative program which provides access to ongoing professional development for educators throughout their entire career as a professional educator. Our graduate programs allow our students to continue the learning and growth process by some of the top faculty who are doing innovative research in the education arena. As the MSU motto says: “Follow Your Passion, Find Your Place.” Students passionate about education have found their place at Missouri State University.



Dr. Roberta Aram, and a Study Away group to Costa Rica

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