



Education

If shaping the young minds of tomorrow's leaders interests you, then consider a major in education. Stetson University offers one of the most outstanding teacher and leader education programs in Florida. Our graduates are top recruits of local schools and districts. Additionally, Stetson University is one of the few private institutions in the state accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (C.A.E.P.). In collaboration with the schools and the community, Stetson University's Department of Education stresses a holistic program of individual development that views students as active inquirers and participants in their own growth. We offer undergraduate courses in DeLand and graduate courses in DeLand and Celebration.

At Stetson University, students find small classes with dedicated, experienced teachers who take a personal interest in each student. We offer modern facilities and equipment and, most importantly, access to newly developing knowledge and innovations in the rapidly changing world of education.

A Distinctive Program

The Stetson University Department of Education views early and ongoing field experience as one of the most important components of the education program. In order to provide for the best combination of learning activities in our program, all education majors will participate in early and continuous field-based experiences beginning with the 200-level courses and culminating in the senior internship. Every effort is made to give students a variety of experiences in grade level or subject area placement. As a student, you will be given opportunities to work in multicultural settings in the city of DeLand or surrounding municipalities.

The Nina B. Hollis Institute for Educational Reform plans, implements and evaluates activities focused on systemic reform of education at the K-12 level. Specific areas include teacher skills and effectiveness, student achievement, degree and level of technology applications. Activities also include the building of

Fast Facts

Number of faculty: 15

Available for: Major, Minor

Emphasis Within the Major:

Elementary Education, Music Education

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coaching and mentoring skills in order to impact teaching effectiveness. Students are involved in professional development schools in the Stetson University network.

Academics and Research

Independent Research

Students in the College of Arts and Sciences undertake a senior research project under the mentorship of a faculty member.

Facilities and Opportunities

Housed in Davis Hall, Stetson University's Department of Education offers undergraduate programs in the following areas:

- Elementary education with E.S.O.L. endorsement
- Music education, vocal and instrumental
- Minor in education

In April 2012, Stetson University's chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi international education honor society celebrated its 60th anniversary. The department also sponsors a chapter of Florida Future Educators of America, an organization designed to provide opportunities for education students to interact with professional educators and to learn more about educational issues.

Preparation for Graduate Study

Upon graduation from the undergraduate program, students are prepared to continue their educations at top-level institutions including Stetson University, which offers graduate programs in curriculum and instruction and educational leadership.

Awards and Recognition

Distinguished Faculty

Our faculty members are actively involved in P-12 classrooms. Through our professional development school initiatives, students have the opportunity to work with the faculty on educational reform issues such as reading, technology, multicultural education and educational leadership. Our faculty includes:

- [Patrick C. Coggins](#), Ph.D., University of Connecticut
- [Christopher J. Colwell](#), Ed.D., University of Central Florida

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- [Fran Duvall](#), Ed.D., University of Central Florida
- [Glen Epley](#), Ph.D., Duke University
- [Vernita Glenn-White](#), Ph.D., University of Central Florida
- [Elizabeth Deane Heins](#), Ph.D., University of Virginia
- [Joyce Mundy](#), Ed.D., Widener University
- [Mary Ellen Oslick](#), Ph.D., University of Florida
- [Melissa Parks](#), Ph.D., Florida Atlantic University
- [Kathy Jo Piechura-Couture](#), Ph.D., University of South Florida
- [Lou Sabina](#), Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh
- [Rajni Shankar-Brown](#), Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- [Carine Strebel Halpern](#), Ph.D., University of Central Florida
- [Mercedes Tichenor](#), Ed.D., Vanderbilt University
- [Debra Touchton](#), Ph.D., University of South Florida

Undergraduate Awards and Honors

The department grants the following awards:

- R.L. Carter Secondary Education Award - most outstanding intern in secondary schools
- Ray V. Sowers Elementary Education Award - most outstanding graduate in elementary education
- Kappa Delta Pi Award - member who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship and service
- Edward B. Henderson Award - most outstanding graduating senior who plans to go to graduate school in Florida

Several scholarship opportunities are also available to students:

- The Norman and Lena B. Hobbs Scholarship recognizes a student as the outstanding rising senior. The award will be applied to tuition for the following year.
- The Dorothy Ball Greenlaw Endowed Scholarship is presented to an elementary education major in the senior year. Recipient must exhibit the qualities of compassion and caring.
- M. Jean Greenlaw Endowed Scholarship is awarded to an elementary education senior or rising senior who exhibits qualities of leadership and has a passion for teaching.
- The Ruth Cobb Arnold Scholarship recognizes rising seniors who are interested in Exceptional Student Education and who demonstrate excellence in teaching and Christian values in everyday living.
- Jack Schoep Endowed Scholarship is for junior and senior students in the College of Arts &

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Sciences. First preference is given to Florida residents who are majors in elementary education, followed by majors in general education.

- Jean K. Morris Endowed Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to female students majoring in teacher education.
- R. Camille Dorman Endowed Scholarship provides assistance to students majoring in the department of teacher education.
- The Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc. (F.F.M.T.) administers the Minority Teacher Education Scholarship (M.T.E.S.) program, which is awarded to minority students wishing to become teachers in Florida's public school system.
- The Harry E. and Faustene T. Gaylord Endowed Scholarship Program provides scholarships for students who work with learning-disabled students. Preference is given to students in the graduate program in exceptional student education.

Beyond the Classroom

Internships

Our students are prepared to work with diverse populations. Internship opportunities are required in elementary, middle or secondary teaching in area public schools. You will begin this field experience with your very first education class and continue it throughout your time at Stetson University. At the graduate level, the department collaborates with a variety of school professionals regarding both informal field experiences and formal internships for our students. The majority of our students do their senior internships in Volusia County schools, with some going to Seminole, Orange and Osceola County schools.

After Stetson

Diverse Careers

Teaching is a dynamic and rewarding career. Stetson University's Department of Education enjoys an excellent reputation among school leaders in Florida and throughout the southeast. Graduates of Stetson University's education program are consistently among the teachers and administrators recognized as outstanding members of the profession. Graduate candidates in administration are sought after for leadership positions and as educational consultants. Opportunities also are available in areas associated with education, such as publishing and education materials development and distribution.

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