

Secondary Education

B.A. | Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education

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Teacher as servant

Our “teacher as servant” philosophy will prepare you to see each student as an image-bearer of God, keeping Christ at the center of your classroom.

Expert profs + mentors

Northwestern’s education faculty have experience with diverse grade levels and disciplines in both public and private school settings. They will support you throughout your journey to becoming a teacher, from applying to the teacher education program during your sophomore year to applying for licensure as a senior.

Tailor-made study

The secondary education major is paired with an additional major in a specialized field of study. Compatible tracks of study include:

- ✓ Art (K-12)
- ✓ Biology / Chemistry
- ✓ Business Education
- ✓ English Teaching
- ✓ History / Social Studies
- ✓ Mathematics / Physics
- ✓ Music (K-12)
- ✓ Physical Education (K-12)
- ✓ Psychology
- ✓ Spanish (K-12)
- ✓ Endorsements in basic science, coaching, special education, middle school, reading + TESL

A+ experience

Gaining classroom experience is key to building your confidence. It’s why you’ll spend more than 100 hours in area classrooms before you student teach. You’ll also have opportunity to student teach within a 60-mile radius of campus, or to receive placement in Chicago, Denver, or with an international school.



100+ classroom hours

Spend over 100 hours in area classrooms before you student teach.



Accredited program

by the Higher Learning Commission and Iowa Department of Education



\$61,820

Median annual salary of high school teachers in the U.S.

Outcomes

Northwestern education students are in high demand across the country and around the world. Join our standout alumni in roles such as:

- Computer science and business teacher, Boyden-Hull High School, Hull, IA
- English teacher, Liberty High School, North Liberty, IA
- Band instructor, Mitchell School District, Mitchell, SD
- Math teacher, Oak Harbor, WA

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4-year Plan

Freshman:

EDU 102 – Foundations of Education – 2 credits – offered every semester

EDU 206 – Survey of Exceptional Individuals – 3 credits – every semester

EDU 202 – Early Field Experience (30 Hr. Practicum) – 1 cr. – every semester

Sophomore:

EDU 227 – Instructional Technology – 2 cr. – every semester

EDU 247 – Reading in the Content Area – 2 cr. – every semester

PSY 221SS – Developmental Psychology – Childhood (or Adolescent) – 4 cr. every sem.

Apply and be admitted to the Education Program

Junior/Senior:

EDU 340 – Human Relations/CC – 3 cr. – every semester

EDU 304 – Education Psychology – 2 cr. – every semester

EDU 315 – Behavior Management – 2 cr. – every semester

*** 308 – Special Methods in your Content (science, math, social studies, Spanish, art, etc.)
3-4 cr. – offered every other Fall semester (30 hr. practicum)

EDU 307 – General Methods of Teaching Secondary – 3 cr. (30 hr. practicum)
restricted course – only offered in the Spring

Seniors:

EDU 409 – Philosophy of Education – 2 cr. – every semester (restricted course)

EDU 415/416 – Student Teaching – 14 cr. – every semester (full semester)

Note: This is a guideline. One of the unique aspects of NWC Education is that we customize each student's schedule to meet their needs based upon transfer credits and content endorsements. The order can be changed, but Freshman and Sophomore courses must be completed before the senior year to reduce course conflicts.