



***STEP INTO YOUR
CALLING AS
AN EDUCATOR***

TRANSFORM CLASSROOMS and COMMUNITIES

INNOVATIVE ✓

INFLUENTIAL ✓

**SERVANT
LEADERSHIP** ✓

At Grand Canyon University's **College of Education**, we're committed to helping you honor your sacred vocation to teach, inspire and shape the leaders of the next generation. Through transformative opportunities and ongoing support, we aim to empower you to lead with purpose, embody servant leadership and leave a lasting impact on the students and communities you serve.

From hands-on learning opportunities to our vibrant campus life and welcoming Christian worldview, we invite you to discover why many current students and Lope alumni proudly consider themselves part of the GCU family.

Come and experience the GCU difference!

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Grand Canyon University's College of Education offers an innovative and reflective higher education designed to prepare you for a career you may find rewarding. Our programs — including bachelor's degrees in elementary education, special education and early childhood education — will challenge your intellect, expand your horizons and help you work toward making a difference for generations to come.

For more details and a full listing of degrees, visit gcu.edu/COE

MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF YOUR STUDENTS

For over 70 years, GCU's College of Education has proudly built its legacy as a teachers' college, dedicated to nurturing your development as an educator and offering continued support throughout your career.

WHAT SETS US APART

- ▶ **A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW** focused on cultivating servant leadership, fostering innovation and inspiring global contributions
- ▶ **KNOWLEDGEABLE EDUCATORS WITH EXPERIENCE** in teaching methods, literacy strategies and curriculum development
- ▶ **HANDS-ON LEARNING** that includes field experience, exam preparation and student teaching
- ▶ **CURRICULUM THAT ALIGNS WITH NATIONAL STANDARDS** with bachelor's programs leading to licensure in many states
- ▶ **OPPORTUNITIES DESIGNED FOR DIVERSE GOALS** and alternative paths to licensure and earn-and-learn programs that allow teacher candidates to start earning an income while working toward their degree
- ▶ **AN ACCOMPLISHED COMMUNITY OF EDUCATORS AND LEADERS** with over 100 GCU alumni recognized in the field of education, including Superintendent, Administrator or Teacher of the Year award recipients as of February 2024

DESIGNATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS

ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCING QUALITY IN EDUCATOR PREPARATION (AAQEP):

GCU is a member in good standing of the AAQEP, a national accrediting organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Full accreditation acknowledges that a program prepares effective educators who continue to grow as professionals and have demonstrated the commitment and capacity to maintain quality.

Scan the QR code to see which programs have been awarded full accreditation by AAQEP through June 30, 2026:



"GCU's Lopes Leap to Teach program is an incredible opportunity that allows students to meet with schools and districts to learn what they're looking for in candidates, what skills they need and how to market themselves. I was able to get a job working as a special education teacher while finishing my degree."

Evan Spry, Bachelor of Arts in History for Secondary Education, Class of 2023

CREATING COMMUNITY:

Resources and Clubs

ON-CAMPUS FACILITIES AND STUDENT RESOURCES

Our campus is equipped with modern facilities and diverse resources to support your educational journey. From the library to our labs, we're here to help you reach your academic goals. Here are some of the amenities available to you:

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION LAB CLASSROOM:

COE's three lab classrooms model early childhood, elementary and secondary education through hands-on, experiential learning. Focused on English Language Arts (ELA) and STEM, these dynamic spaces promote creativity, exploration and collaboration, offering future educators a realistic environment to practice and refine effective teaching strategies.

LOPES FOR LITERACY MULTICULTURAL LIBRARY:

This vibrant library features children's books reflecting varied narratives and themes such as fairness, language, character and learning differences. It helps you connect with students from all backgrounds and craft welcoming, meaningful lessons that can resonate with every learner.

"TOP OF THE CLASS" PODCAST:

GCU's "Top of the Class" podcast features insightful conversations on education, from teaching trends to career growth. With expert guests and inspiring stories, it's a valuable resource for staying informed and motivated in your journey as an educator.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

At GCU, we're all about creating community, and a great way to get involved is by joining a club! You'll be able to enhance your academic experience, develop new skills and connect with fellow students. Some education related clubs at GCU include:

▶ KAPPA DELTA PI (KDP) | @gcukdp:

Be part of GCU's chapter of the international honor society, where aspiring educators can grow as leaders and make an impact in education.

▶ EDUCATORS RISING | @EducatorsRisingGCU:

Join us in supporting the field of education by participating in visits to local schools and presentations at the local and national level.

JUMP START YOUR TEACHING CAREER

LOPES LEAP TO TEACH AND LEAD — CAREER AND NETWORKING EVENTS:

Lopes Leap to Teach connects Arizona school districts with qualified teachers. Districts visit GCU to share their schools' culture, curriculum and programs, helping you build relationships, explore practicum opportunities, request student teaching placements and consider future employment.

TEACHER CANDIDATE EXAM PREPARATION:

COE aligns its curriculum with components required for teacher candidate testing. The curriculum you'll study in your courses along with clinical practices all work together to help prepare you for your state-required teacher certification exam(s).

CANYON CENTER FOR CHARACTER EDUCATION (CCCE):

Supported by The Kern Family Foundation, the CCCE fosters character education through the COE's network of students, faculty, alumni and partners. It aims to develop school cultures that support virtue and human flourishing by embedding character competencies into teacher preparation programs.

GCU'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PLEDGE AND PROMISE:

We strive to assist all College of Education graduates who need additional support or who are experiencing challenges in an educational setting; and since 1984, we have upheld this promise.

CANYON TEACHER RESIDENCIES:

These earn-and-learn opportunities allow teacher candidates to gain hands-on experience as a substitute, tutor, aide or teacher of record — while fulfilling program requirements and earning income.

For a complete list of resources, scan the QR code:





STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

"GCU has so many incredible resources for its students. I leaned on my professors and classmates when I needed to, visited ACE, utilized the library and found the Student Success Center to be an incredible resource. I've been able to be successful in my job and get to where I am today because of my professors and the GCU community."

- Becca Wayne, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Class of 2020, Master of Arts in Reading with an Emphasis in Elementary Education, Class of 2023



Scan the QR code to learn how the College of Education can help you reach your full potential and find your purpose!

NEXT STEPS

1



Apply at gcu.edu/ApplyNow and upload your transcripts.

No application fee!

2



Schedule an appointment with your university admissions counselor to review your scholarship eligibility and program of study.

3



Arrange your campus visit.

All-expenses-paid¹ programs available.

4



Register early for courses and secure on-campus housing.

5



Pack your sunglasses and move to Lope Country!

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