



WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Mission Statement

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Role and Mission

Wichita State University is a regional university serving the state of Kansas and primarily a seven-county area that includes Wichita, the largest urban area in Kansas. WSU's role is that of an urban-serving research university. Through teaching, research, and public service, the university seeks in its mission “to equip both students and the larger community with the educational and cultural tools they need to thrive in a complex world, and to achieve both individual responsibility in their own lives and effective citizenship in the local, national, and global community.”

University Scope

WSU's approximately 15,000 students enjoy a broad scope of academic opportunities including study in colleges of Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health Sciences, and Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as well as the Barton School of Business and Graduate School. The scope of the university also encompasses external funding of more than \$40 million university-wide each year, the discoveries made and contracts performed at the National Institute of Aviation Research, and the largest work-study cooperative education program in the state.

College Scope and Mission

Each year, the college recommends approximately 180 students for initial licensure among 240 students recommended for baccalaureate degrees. Approximately 140 master's degrees, four specialists and five doctorate of education degrees are awarded. There are 48 full-time faculty and approximately 100 lecturers, cooperating teachers, and university supervisors. The college offices are housed in one of the last buildings designed by the famed American architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. The College of Education is an integrated college that focuses on human development and emphasizes academic innovation in living and learning. There are five departments in the College of Education: Curriculum and Instruction; Counseling, Education and School Psychology; Educational Leadership; Human Performance Studies; and Sport Management. The college houses two centers: The Center for Research and Educational Services and The Center for Physical Activity and Aging, which includes a research laboratory and community activity program. The college also supports innovative programs in Engineering Education and bio-engineering research for aging populations. There are two identifying characteristics of the college—the hands-on, site-based learning that is present across each program in the college, and the strongly held belief of students and faculty in the “power of education to change the world. The Mission of the College of Education is to prepare education and other professionals to benefit society and its institutions through the understanding, the facilitation, and the illumination of the learning process and the application of knowledge in their disciplines.