

# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education houses the Department of Liberal Studies, the Department of Teacher Education, the Department of Special Education, the Department of Graduate Education, and the Department of School and College Counseling. The College offers professional programs that prepare teachers, specialists in curriculum, counselors, and school and higher education administrators for professional work and service in diverse communities. These programs are designed to offer high quality educational opportunities for students at undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, masters, and advanced levels.

## Our Vision

Grounded in principles of justice, equity, and critical consciousness, we are committed to reflective, responsive, and purposeful praxis in teaching, scholarship, and leadership. Alongside the communities we serve, we prepare critical educators to co-create and enact transformative change.

## Our Mission

Through self-examination, collective learning, and research, we construct brave spaces that foster the holistic development of educators. Together, we challenge and dismantle systems of power and privilege in institutions of education. We re-imagine equitable, responsive, and just learning experiences for all learners, especially those from minoritized groups within our college and in our local schools. We are committed to advancing the following:

- A justice-focused agenda
- The pursuit of equity
- Innovation in teaching and learning
- Rigorous and responsive research
- Collaboration with professional, local, and global communities, and student-centered partnerships
- Belief in the limitless potential of our work, each other, and those we serve

## Liberal Studies

Liberal Studies is an interdisciplinary undergraduate major for students who intend to become elementary or special education teachers. Courses leading to the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies are designed to support the acquisition of content knowledge in the subject areas taught in elementary schools as well as professional knowledge and dispositions. The Liberal Studies major is a Commission approved Elementary Subject Matter Program.

## Teacher Education

Teacher Education offers preliminary credential programs for students who intend to teach in an elementary (multiple subjects) or secondary (single subject) classroom. All programs offer a pathway to earn a Bilingual Authorization in Spanish. Both traditional student teaching and university intern programs are available. Teacher Education also offers a Master of Arts in Education with options in Curriculum and Instruction, and Dual Language Learning.

## Special Education

Special Education offers preliminary Education Specialist Credentials in Early Childhood Special Education, Mild/Moderate Support Needs (MMSN), and Extensive Support Needs (ESN). Both traditional student

teaching and university intern programs are available. Educational Specialists provide services to infants, children, and youth with disabilities. Special Education also offers a Clear (Induction) Credential, an added authorization in Early Childhood Special Education, and a Master of Arts in Special Education.

## Graduate Education

The Division of Graduate Education provides advanced knowledge and training in various professions in educational settings, such as School Leadership, Higher Education Administration and Leadership, and an Education Doctorate. The School Leadership program offers both the Preliminary Administrative Service Credential and Clear Professional Administrative Services Credential, with an option to add on a Master of Arts in Education. The Higher Education Administration and Leadership program offers a twelve-unit graduate certificate designed for working professionals and individuals seeking advanced training and knowledge in the broad field of higher education administration and leadership. The Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) is a three-year program titled Educational Leadership for Justice in Education (EDLD for Justice). The Ed.D. program prepares candidates to assume executive leadership positions in P-16 educational settings and related agencies such as County Offices of Education, K-12 District Offices, Charter School Boards, and educational non-profits.

## School and College Counseling

The Counseling program offers the Master of Science degree in Counseling with options in School or College Counseling. Counseling students can also concurrently earn the Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Counseling, the Child Welfare and Attendance Authorization, and a Certificate in College Counseling.

## College of Education

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## COE SSC Mission

Welcome to the Student Success Center for College of Education students! Our vision is to provide a nurturing space that immediately engages students in an experience that positively impacts their well-being, self-efficacy, and identity as college students. Through a holistic approach that frames academic preparation, the Student Success Center Team is facilitating the journey of persistence towards and fulfillment of students' goals.

When a College of Education student walks into the Student Success Center, the student can expect:

*A Culture of Care: We believe that we have a shared responsibility for providing a welcoming and nurturing environment for all who enter our doors and a warm hand-off when we aren't the answer.*

*Information: We believe that no one should leave the Center without knowledge and next steps, particularly if it is beyond our capacity or control.*

- *Programmatic* – We provide information for undergraduate (Liberal Studies) and graduate (credential/MA) programs
- *Resources* – We provide access and referrals to on-campus university resources and when possible, off campus community resources that support students affective, behavioral, and cognitive needs

Specialized Advising: *We believe that each student deserves specialized advising based on their academic program from the experts that know the pathway best. The Center focuses all advising on the undergraduate major – Liberal Studies*

- Referrals to credential and master's program faculty are made by Student Success Center Team members.

Career Coaching: *We believe that the transition from program completion to career is critical to achieving the end goal for students. Our graduation specialist and career coach are focused on ensuring students know their options.*

Wellness: *We believe that students physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health is key to their sense of belongingness, persistence, academic performance, personal development, and degree completion. Our retention specialist and care manager strive to meet these needs to promote student success.*

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## Scheduling An Appointment

Scheduling can be done through the student center/portal by selecting *Toro Success Collaborative* or through the online handbook (LBS e-resource) webpage (<https://csudhlbs.notion.site/Advising-9d24c67be0ad40cd98ad8c0afa23b861/>).

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## Contact Us

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