The mission of the School of Education is to prepare quality educators, committed to Christian principles, dedicated to the betterment of society, who facilitate effective teaching and learning experiences and provide positive leadership in educational environments in our nation and the world.

Judson gives students the chance to begin practicum experiences their freshman year, so they can decide early on if teaching is right for them. By the time students graduate, they will have a great deal of experience in diverse public and private classroom settings.

Judson's teacher education program has a solid reputation for producing teachers who will enter the classroom with a clear purpose. The curriculum is guided by a set of professional standards within a faculty-designed framework called Partners Pathfinding for Professional Excellence. Judson offers a Certificate Only program for those who already have a bachelor's degree, an accelerated Master of Education in Literacy program, and a Master of Education with ESL/Bilingual Endorsement program.

**Program Distinctives**

Judson University School of Education programs are characterized by the following:

- Practicum experiences for students, early and often throughout the course of study
- Practicum placements in both public and private schools
- Many opportunities to complete practicum requirements in diverse settings
- Classes taught by experienced practitioners
- Small class sizes taught in classrooms with the most current technology
- An integration of Christian principles in all coursework
- *Kappa Delta Pi*, an international education honor society, is open to qualified candidates

** Majors and Licensure**

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- ESL/Bilingual Endorsement
- Music Education
- Physical Education
- Secondary Education
- Special Education
  - Early Childhood
  - Learning Behavior Specialist 1
  - Deaf and Hard of Hearing
CAREER PATHWAYS

Judson University graduates are currently employed as P-12 teachers, school and district leaders, higher education professors and administrators, homeschool consultants, and educational specialists in public and private school settings locally, nationally, and globally. Our graduates have the opportunity to continue their education at Judson University in one of our two graduate programs in the School of Education: Master of Education in Literacy and Master of Education in ESL or Bilingual.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN LITERACY PROGRAM:
The mission of the Judson University Master of Education in Literacy Program is to graduate knowledgeable, skilled practitioners who are dedicated to improving the literacy skills of children and young adults and who are passionate about inspiring those same students to become lifelong readers and writers.

MASTER OF EDUCATION WITH ESL/BILINGUAL ENDORSEMENT:
Judson’s Master’s Degree in Education with ESL/Bilingual Endorsement program is designed for teachers who want to enhance their skill sets and impact the learning environment in their classrooms. Educators who embark on this one year program will be prepared to meet the demands and rewards of a culturally and linguistically diverse classroom.

ABOUT JUDSON

Judson University ranks consistently among the Top Tier of Regional Colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report. A fully accredited, private Christian university of the liberal arts, sciences and professions, Judson offers Bachelor of Arts degrees for more than 50 majors/minors as well as adult degree programs and graduate programs. All majors offer opportunities for students to engage in internships, practicums, service-learning, or field experiences. Students also gain cross-cultural understanding through service-learning, mission trips, or studying abroad. Located just 40 minutes northwest of downtown Chicago, Judson offers a close-knit, Christian community with the benefits of a large urban setting, ideal for cultural activities, internships, and life after graduation.

FINANCIAL AID

Judson offers financial aid options for 90 percent of its students. Find out just how much value our students receive by visiting campus and meeting with our financial aid officers, who work to help students afford a Judson education. Scholarships for academics, honors, and co-curricular activities, such as athletics, music, and theatre are available to all majors.

For more information, visit www.JudsonU.edu

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REBEKAH YOUTZY, Elementary Education, 2011; Teacher, La Paz, Bolivia | “The program gets students into local schools right away. The facility has the most up to date technology that you might find in the classroom, giving students time to practice on it and prepare to use them in the professional world. The School of Education also informs students about opportunities to grow professionally outside of Judson through conferences and professional development classes. One of the strongest attributes of the School of Education is their loving, God-following professors. They always have time for students and help out in any way they can.”

RYAN REOPELLE, Secondary Education and Mathematics, 2012; High School Math Teacher, Aurora Christian Schools | “Judson University’s School of Education program is one of the top programs in the area because of how well it prepares teacher candidates for their own future classrooms. Much of this preparation comes from hands-on learning that takes place in the classrooms of local school districts. The faculty are professionals in the field of education and care about each candidate that comes through the program. They will do whatever it takes to help candidates succeed! The School of Education also offers a wide range of majors and concentrations allowing teacher candidates to select a program that fits exactly what they are seeking.”