The Eugene T. Moore School of Education trains teachers, counselors, and leaders for preschool through grade 12 schools; prepares counselors for community practice; trains student affairs practitioners, leaders and faculty for higher education settings; and prepares training and development specialists for business and industry. But it does even more. Through its competitive undergraduate and graduate programs, renowned centers and institutes, and other initiatives, the School of Education serves as a transformative leader in systematically improving education, beginning at birth. It’s here where tomorrow’s educators engage in high-quality research, professional learning and immersive experiences that will help them make a difference in the world.

Education for All

The Eugene T. Moore School of Education recognizes that the growth, education and development of all individuals is paramount. That’s why it prepares its students to be culturally competent scholar-practitioners. Efforts include a focus on underperforming schools and underserved communities across South Carolina, the U.S. and abroad. Initiatives and programs increase the number of minority teachers, focus on dropout prevention and literacy, provide a college opportunity for young adults with special needs, provide meaningful internship experiences for future professionals and empower school leaders for positive change.

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Degrees

The Eugene T. Moore School of Education houses teacher preparation undergraduate programs leading to licensure in: early childhood, elementary, secondary, agricultural (in cooperation with the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences) and special education. The school also offers Master of Arts in Teaching programs in middle-level education and secondary education mathematics and science, both of which are designed for career changers seeking teaching licensure.

Other offerings include master’s degrees in advanced teaching including literacy, special education, and teaching and learning, as well as school leadership degrees in administration and supervision and school counseling. Other master’s programs include clinical/mental health counseling, student affairs and human resource development. Educational specialist degrees are offered in administration and supervision and counselor education.

Doctoral programs in curriculum and instruction and educational leadership (concentration areas of P-12 and higher education) are also offered.

Special Programs

Call Me MISTER (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) is an initiative to increase the pool of available teachers from broader and more diverse backgrounds, particularly to fill positions in the state’s lowest performing elementary schools. Students are largely selected from underserved and educationally at-risk communities.

ClemsonLIFE is designed for students with special needs who want a college experience. It offers a course of study that includes career preparation, self-awareness and personal improvement through courses, job internships and community participation.

The National Dropout Prevention Center/Network is a well-established clearinghouse related to dropout prevention and student success, providing research, publications, evaluations and professional development.

Leadership 2.0/3.0 is a two-year program for mid-career educational leaders that gives them skills needed to seek out and solve problems. Leadership 3.0 is a two-year program that equips mid-career educational leaders to mentor and coach principals.

Centers, Institutes and Programs

America Reads
Arts and Creativity Lab
Call Me MISTER®
Center for Leadership in Law and Education
Center of Excellence for Digital Media and Learning
Center of Excellence for Inquiry in Mathematics and Science
Charles H. Houston Center for the Study of the Black Experience in Education
Inquiry in Motion
National Dropout Prevention Center and Network
National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities
Reading Recovery State Training Center

Accomplishments and Rankings

- The Eugene T. Moore School of Education has a certification pass rate for teacher education content area licensure of 98 percent, higher than the state average of 96 percent. The pass rate for school administration licensure is 100 percent and school counseling licensure is 100 percent.

- The School of Education P-12 education programs are nationally accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, and school counseling and clinical mental health counseling programs are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.