Clemson University’s College of Education is a transformative leader in systematically improving education. We educate teachers, counselors and leaders for P-12 schools; prepare counselors to serve in communities; instruct student affairs practitioners, administrators and faculty to serve in higher education; and prepare training and development specialists for business and industry. But we do even more. We engage tomorrow’s educators in best-in-class research, innovative programs, and professional learning that will help them make a difference in the world.

The College of Education is dedicated to enhancing the education and development of all students, particularly those in underserved communities. We see a significant role for our college in the economic development of our state and nation, and we embrace Clemson’s land-grant mission to better the lives of South Carolina’s citizens. Our mission is vital. As education improves, poverty and crime decrease, workplace development and health improve, and communities become stronger. We not only shape the lives of individuals, but we also help transform families and communities.

George J. Petersen is the founding dean of the College of Education. An educational leadership expert and former social studies teacher, he previously served as dean of the Graduate School of Education at California Lutheran University. He has also served in academic leadership positions at the University of California-Santa Barbara and the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Petersen, who holds a Ph.D. in educational policy, organizations and leadership studies from UC Santa Barbara, is the author or co-author of three books and more than 100 book chapters, articles, research papers, monographs and commissioned reports. His scholarly work largely focuses on the executive leadership of district superintendents.
DEGREES AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
Agricultural education, early childhood education, elementary education, mathematics teaching, middle level education*, secondary education (English, mathematics, social studies/history), science teaching (biological sciences, chemistry, physical sciences, physics), special education

MINORS
Athletic leadership

CERTIFICATES
Athletic leadership, STEAM

STATE ENDORSEMENTS
Teacher leaders, Advanced Placement, STEAM education

COMBINED BACHELOR’S TO MASTER’S PROGRAMS
Teacher residency (early childhood education, elementary education, middle grades*, secondary education, special education*)

MASTERS AND SPECIALISTS PROGRAMS
Educational specialist (administration/supervision, counselor education); Master of Arts in Teaching (middle level, secondary math, secondary science, special education); Master of Human Resource Development; M.Ed. (administration/supervision, counselor education, literacy, student affairs, teaching and learning); M.S. (athletic leadership)

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS
Ph.D. (curriculum and instruction; educational leadership; learning sciences; literacy, language and culture; special education); Ed.D. (education systems improvement science)

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION

ENDOWED SCHOOL
Eugene T. Moore School of Education

DEPARTMENTS
Education and human development; educational and organizational leadership development; teaching and learning

* pending approval

BY THE NUMBERS

1,693
STUDENTS

79
FULL-TIME FACULTY

5,400+
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS SERVING S.C. SCHOOLS

27
PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES TEACHING IN TITLE 1 SCHOOLS

$4.5 MILLION
TOTAL RESEARCH FUNDING

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RANKINGS

• Highest-rated graduate school of education in South Carolina and No. 4 among land-grant universities in the Southeast (U.S. News & World Report)
• M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning program ranked No. 1 online graduate education program in the nation (U.S. News & World Report)
• No. 3 online master’s in early childhood education degree program (The Best Schools)
• No. 5 bachelor’s in secondary education degree program (College Choice)
• One of “Five Schools of Education to Watch” for teacher prep programs with digital priorities (Education Week)
• No. 8 best college for education majors (College Magazine)
• Master of Human Resource Development program rated #14 best master’s in human resources program (Online Masters)
• One of the best value colleges for teaching degrees, coming in at #29 (Best Value Schools)
• South Carolina’s only elementary teacher preparation program with a concentration in STEM and literacy
• Principal, superintendent and counselor licensure exam pass rate of 100%, and teacher licensure exam pass rate of 99%

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