



College of EDUCATION

BEST IN CLASS

The Clemson University College of Education is a transformative leader in systematically improving education in South Carolina and beyond. With a focus on serving underperforming schools and underserved communities, we have award-winning, best-in-class programs that:

- Educate teachers, counselors and school leaders.
- Prepare counselors for community practice.
- Train higher education student affairs leaders.
- Instruct training and development specialists for business and industry.

We equip the next generation of teachers, counselors, coaches, administrators and leaders – individuals who inspire the generations following them.

WHO WE ARE

The College of Education includes three departments – Education and Human Development; Educational and Organizational Leadership Development; and Teaching and Learning – and the Eugene T. Moore School of Education, home to various innovative educational initiatives. The College offers a range of programs, including:

- **Undergraduate programs** and a combined bachelor's-to-master's program (teacher residency) in early childhood education, elementary education, mathematics teaching, middle level education, science teaching, secondary education (English, mathematics, social studies/history) and special education. We also offer an agricultural education program with the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences.
- **Master's and specialist programs** in athletic leadership, counselor education (clinical mental health counseling and school counseling), educational leadership, human resource development, literacy, special education, student affairs, and teaching and learning.
- **Doctoral degrees** in curriculum and instruction; education systems improvement science; educational leadership (P-12 and higher education); learning sciences; literacy, language and culture; and special education.
- **Certificate and endorsement programs** in athletic leadership, educational leadership, ESOL, literacy, online teaching, STEAM education and teacher leader endorsement.
- A minor in **athletic leadership**.

Our graduate programs are available in an online or hybrid format to make our expertise available to practitioners and scholars across South Carolina and the nation.



ABOUT FOUNDING DEAN PETERSEN

George J. Petersen, Ph.D., 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 primarily focuses on the executive leadership of district superintendents, and his research has been widely published and internationally recognized for its quality and impact.

INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES

We are committed to addressing complex issues in P-20 education and creating innovative programs that meet pressing needs. We understand that this work also affects the economic prosperity of our state – and we embrace Clemson’s land-grant mission to better the lives of South Carolinians.

- Center for the Recruitment and Retention of Diverse Educators – Researches, designs and implements best strategies for minority teacher recruitment and retention.
- Certificate of Online Teaching – Helps teachers create compelling and engaging online resources and assessments.
- Ed.D. in Education Systems Improvement Science – Doctoral degree focused on solving educational issues and conducted in collaboration with three South Carolina universities.
- Expressway to TigerTown – Partnership to open a seamless pathway from high school through technical school to a Clemson education degree.
- Perfecting Your Roar – Professional development and mentorship for first-year teachers, held in partnership with school districts.
- South Carolina Teaching Fellows – Recruits high-achieving high school seniors into the teaching profession by offering state-funded fellowships to pursue an education degree.
- Teacher Residency – A combined bachelor’s-to-master’s program that includes a year-long classroom experience, the first program of its kind led by a South Carolina university.

NATIONALLY RENOWNED PROGRAMS

The College of Education has a long history of programs that make a difference. For a decade or more, these programs have had state and national impact, serving as models for programs across the U.S.

- **Call Me MISTER** – A leadership program to increase the pool of teachers from more diverse backgrounds.
- **ClemsonLIFE (Learning Is For Everyone)** – A post-secondary, on-campus program that helps young adults with intellectual disabilities learn to live independently.
- **Reading Recovery** – A short-term, personalized literacy intervention program for early readers.

These programs join a host of others making a difference in education: Arts and Creativity Lab, Center of Excellence for Innovation in Mathematics and Science, CLEaR Lab, Clemson University Teacher Learning Progression, Contexts of Learning and Development Lab, Digital Media Learning Lab, Education Media Center, IDEA Lab, Leadership Learning Communities, STEM/STEAM Initiatives, and the Upstate Writing Project.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RANKINGS

- Our online master’s in education program has been among the top two in the nation for four straight years, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. Our online master’s in curriculum and instruction program is ranked #8, and our online master’s in educational administration program is ranked #19.
- *Great Business Schools* named our master of human resource development program the best online master’s program in training and development for 2021.
- *College Magazine* has ranked us the #8 best college for education majors for three consecutive years.
- Eleven College of Education graduates were named District Teachers of the Year in South Carolina in 2020.
- Three of the last four South Carolina Superintendents of the Year earned degrees from Clemson.
- The 2019 National High School Principal of the Year graduated from Clemson’s College of Education.
- Our undergraduate enrollment has increased 37 percent since 2015, defying state and national trends. Our graduate program enrollment has increased 105 percent during the past five years.

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By the Numbers

2,092 STUDENTS
80 FULL-TIME FACULTY

\$19 MILLION GRANT SUBMISSIONS (FY20)
100% SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES WITH COE ALUMNI