

# THE MVNU EXPERIENCE



**CHOICES**— You make them daily about every aspect of your life. Right choices make you feel good about who you are and how you live your life. The choices you make define who you are and are becoming.

As you think about the choice of a college education, we want you to know that at Mount Vernon Nazarene University you have choices of relevant and challenging majors that will open the doors to experience discovery and growth. Travel. Serve. Learn. In a real community of faith where professors give you personal attention and you know you're not a number; you're one of us. We'll show you how you can afford it too. It's all a matter of choice. Make the right one.

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## TEACHER EDUCATION

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MVNU prepares students to be competent professionals who are compassionate servant leaders committed to professional excellence and lifelong learning in diverse settings. Whether you are interested in the development of others intellectually, socially, or physically, you can gain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to be successful and influential in your chosen career.

We offer undergraduate programs in education, physical education, family and consumer sciences, and social work. I invite you to browse through this brochure and become familiar with the School of Education and Professional Studies and to consider scheduling a visit to our campus. We look forward to meeting you!

*Dr. Stephen W. Ragan,  
Dean, School of Education and Professional Studies*

## TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

When you become a teacher, you make a difference in students' lives!

Competent, compassionate, and committed teachers are needed to educate students in today's increasingly diverse classrooms. With an education degree from Mount Vernon Nazarene University, you will have the opportunity to become, within a Christian context, a quality educator who is a compassionate servant leader committed to lifelong learning and professional excellence. Each faculty member is committed to providing exemplary instruction and models for students the best practices within the field of education. All faculty

are experienced in the P-12 classroom and are able to integrate the real world of teaching with content in the college classroom.

As a Teacher Education candidate, you will have the opportunity to

- Complete a minimum of 300 hours in field experiences prior to student teaching.
- Integrate theory with practice.
- Work with diverse students, families, and communities.
- Participate in educational trips during January term and student teach internationally.

- Small classes allow you personal attention from professors and for getting to know your peers better.
- Use the Educational Resource Center to enhance classroom instruction.
- Be involved in a variety of service learning opportunities.

An education degree earned at MVNU meets the requirements for licensing in the State of Ohio. Our candidates consistently score among the highest in the nation on the Praxis II exams, and all graduates taking the Praxis III performance exam have earned a passing score making them eligible for their first 5-year teaching license.

MVNU has a long tradition of ranking among the best in Ohio's teacher education programs.

Whether you want to teach reading to first graders, physics to high schoolers, or any of our 14 areas of licensure, our excellent and caring faculty will help you develop into the best beginning teacher you can be.



## WHAT OUR GRADUATES ARE SAYING

"MVNU's Teacher Education Program has helped me gain the confidence and the skills necessary to be an effective teacher in today's world. The sequence of the classes helped me to mature and progress as both a professional and a young adult. I was afforded numerous opportunities to take an active role in the education profession throughout my college career through field experiences, conferences, and committees that also played a large role in my development as a teacher."

MATT ANDERSON ('03)  
7th Grade Math Teacher – Sparta, Ohio

## MAJORS

Students preparing for Pre-school, Elementary, Secondary, or Comprehensive (Kindergarten through Grade 12) education settings may choose a major from among the following baccalaureate programs:

- **B.A. in Early Childhood Education (Preschool –Grade 3)**
- **B.A. in Middle Childhood Education (Grades 4–9)**
- **B.A. in Intervention Specialist (Grades K–12)**
- **B.A. in Family and Consumer Sciences (Vocational education track) (Grades 4–12)**
- **B.A. in Integrated Business Education (Grades 4–12)**
- **B.A. in Integrated Language Arts Education (Grades 7–12)**
- **B.S. in Integrated Mathematics Education (Grades 7–12)**
- **B.A. in Integrated Social Studies Education (Grades 7–12)**
- **B.S. in Life Science Education (Grades 7–12)**
- **B.A. in Music (Multi-age education track) (Preschool–12)**
- **B.A. in Physical Education/Health Education (Preschool–12)**
- **B.S. in Physical Science Education (Grades 7–12)**
- **B.A. in Spanish (Multi-age education track) (Preschool–12)**
- **B.A. in Visual Arts Education (Preschool–12)**

Endorsements in reading and Middle Childhood Generalists, as well as an associate Education Paraprofessional program are available.

"I am so grateful that MVNU's Teacher Education Program helped me learn both what I needed to know on the cutting edge in professional knowledge as well as to effectively pass the Praxis exams. I felt tremendously prepared when I began teaching in my classroom! Throughout my time at MVNU, professors instilled and modeled a dedication to a higher teacher—Jesus Christ. I want to continue that heritage in my classroom."

JENNIFER HOOPER ('01)  
Kindergarten Teacher – Chesterville, Ohio