LARGEST
producer of teachers
IN THE MIDWEST

5TH
Largest producer of teachers in the U.S. 2004-2018
(earning institutions of higher education-based programs)
2019 Title II Reports

8TH
Largest producer of elementary education majors in the U.S.
2018 Title II Reports

17TH
Best High School in Illinois (University High School)
2018 Niche

26TH
Best College for the Money in the Midwest
2018 Washington Monthly

39TH
Best College for Education in America
2018 Niche

8TH
Best College Offering Degrees in Education in the U.S.
2019 College Factual

8TH
Largest producer of special education majors in the U.S.
2018 Title II Reports

As the new dean of the College of Education, I am honored to become part of the great legacy of educator preparation at Illinois State University. I spent the last 15 years at DePaul University, and this is one of the few schools that could have enticed me to leave. Now that I have had the chance to meet and work with some of the College of Education’s remarkable faculty, staff, and students, I know coming to Illinois State University was the right choice. Every day I meet someone intriguing, take up a new opportunity, and discover a new aspect of the exceptional college. In short, this college teaches me something new every day, and there is no higher praise for a college than that.

With an alumni base of more than 60,000 education professionals throughout all 50 U.S. states and 88 countries worldwide, Illinois State University is a leader in the field of educator preparation. Within Illinois alone, almost one in six teachers is an alum of the University. Across the country, we continue to work tirelessly to deliver an exceptional college. In short, take up a new opportunity, and discover why I am truly honored to be here.

Graduate programs continue to be a point of emphasis in the college, and our progress has gained national recognition. Illinois State University climbed 12 spots in the U.S. News & World Report rankings for 2019 Best Graduate Schools in Education, coming in at #108 this year. With the strength of our faculty, staff, and students, I have no doubt our rankings will continue to rise. Additionally, enrollment in these programs remained steady with 615 students in 2018.

According to data from the Partnership for Education Preparation (PEP) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), our graduates enter the field and prepare and are overwhelmingly recognized as high-quality educators. The college has a strong relationship with ISBE and will continue to work closely with ISBE on recommendations from the Illinois Teach Report to drive the direction of teacher education over the next 10 years. We are extremely thankful for our donors, whose generous gifts have helped provide student scholarship support, new curricular opportunities, and upgraded classroom environments. The Redbird Foundation continues to display a commitment to the college, as seen by a significant growth in donations over the last three years.

This report highlights several key data points that demonstrate the continued strength of our educator preparation within the college. We hope that you enjoy learning more about the college’s efforts to provide successful programs that prepare future Illinois teachers to deliver an exceptional college. Overall learning is 5.96, with an overall satisfaction of 5.97. Industry goal is 5.5. Max is 7.

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4. University of Missouri-Columbia
5. University of Wisconsin-Madison
6. Western Kentucky University
7. University of Nebraska-Lincoln
8. State University of New York
9. University of Southern Mississippi
10. University of North Dakota

Teacher effectiveness

Student effectiveness using new PEP data from ISBE

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