

As an educator in middle school or high school, you'll be challenged to educate tomorrow's leaders, helping them grow in knowledge, skill and independence. You will teach students in the classroom and interact with them in a variety of extra-curricular settings such as sports and fine arts.

St. Ambrose students interested in teaching at the secondary level (5-12) will major in a content area and complete the requirements for licensure in the state of Iowa. This includes passing the appropriate Praxis II assessments in both content and pedagogy.

Content area endorsements are offered in the areas of: biology, general business, chemistry, English, French, general science, German, American and world history, mathematics, Spanish, speech/communication/theatre, physics, reading, and middle school.

Depending upon a student's area of study, St. Ambrose offers a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Science, and a Bachelor of Education. A Bachelor of Education degree is offered for the individual who already has a bachelor's or master's degree and is seeking teacher licensure. Since these students already have earned a degree, they are exempt from taking the general education requirements. All other requirements in the Teacher Education program apply.

The St. Ambrose Teacher Education program emphasizes both coursework and field experience that allows teacher education candidates to begin working with students early in their college career. The department has strong, established relationships with area schools, providing students with the opportunity to work closely with experienced educators. As a result, the program enjoys a regional reputation for graduating exceptional teachers who have the comprehensive skills and experience that allow them to be effective from their very first day in the classroom.

The Teacher Education program includes areas of study necessary to prepare competent and professional classroom teachers and enables students to receive an initial license to teach in Iowa agencies and schools. The program is approved by the Iowa Department of Education and nationally accredited by TEAC.

The secondary education curriculum and its associated endorsements provide both practical experience and educational theory for teaching students in grades 5-12.

Field experience begins early in the education major's career, with time spent in the classroom observing and working with students. A minimum of 150 hours of pre-student teaching experiences in two different school settings is required before student teaching.

Student teaching placement is all day, every day, for one semester, and additional coursework or employment during this final semester is discouraged. The field experience and student teaching



assignments are made by the Education Department to public or private agencies or schools in the Quad Cities area.

Ambrose Advantages

Teachers have never been in more demand. And the rewards have never been greater. When you choose to major in education at St. Ambrose, you will have immediate access to a department and faculty that excels in creating an enriching learning environment. The St. Ambrose School of Education has received statewide recognition for the quality of its programs and graduates. Not only do education majors enjoy a low student-teacher ratio, they are assigned faculty mentors to help guide them throughout their education.

Perhaps the most important aspect of your education program at St. Ambrose is the time you actually spend in the classroom observing, teaching and learning. Unlike some schools, St. Ambrose has made field work a high priority. The education program is designed cooperatively by university faculty and local school personnel to ensure that education students are experiencing and interacting in quality, real-world classroom situations. The faculty

also works closely with the regional departments of education in Iowa and Illinois to make sure licensing requirements are met.

Students interested in pursuing teaching as a career are encouraged to seek admission to Iota Omega Kappa Delta Pi, the SAU chapter of an international education honor society designed to recognize those who have contributed to the field of education.

Teacher education students can belong to the student chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). The overall purpose of the CEC professional organization is to promote future leaders in the education of children and youth with exceptionalities, as well as promote programs designed to inform students of special education and encourage them to become involved with their peers.

Career Opportunities

Education graduates not only **teach in classrooms** but, with additional study, are also employed as **school librarians, reading specialists, curriculum specialists, school administrators, and guidance counselors.**

Career Outlook

- > Teaching positions ranked fourth (high school), sixth (middle school)—based on growth potential and job and salary satisfaction—among social service jobs in a 2014 *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of jobs.
- > The median salary for high school teachers was \$55,000 in May 2012.
- > In a poll among teachers in elementary and secondary education conducted by the National Science Foundation, 90 percent expressed high job satisfaction. The NSF survey shows teachers are more likely to stay in the profession than college graduates in most other occupations.
- > Among professions requiring a four-year degree, elementary, secondary and middle school teaching were predicted to have the third, fourth and seventh most annual job openings, according to a 2014 study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Where Some of Our Graduates Work

Recent St. Ambrose graduates are working in the educational system as:

- > Brandon Valley (South Dakota) School District, early childhood teacher
- > Clinton (Iowa) High School, principal
- > Davenport Community School District, math coach-teacher
- > Fairfield Grand Desert Resort, activities coordinator
- > Martin (Lake of the Hills, Illinois) Elementary School, principal

- > Mississippi Bend Area Education Center, speech-language pathologist
- > New Boston (Illinois) Elementary School, special education resource teacher
- > Rock Island (Illinois) School District, Title I teacher

Your Career: Networking, Field Experience and Jobs in the Quad Cities

The Quad Cities is a welcoming and fun place to live as a college student. More than that, it offers a great community to help you prepare for—or even start—your career. With its rich history and people from many cultures, the Quad Cities offers a diverse population and experiences for students. For students majoring in education, St. Ambrose also has strong connections to more than 150 public and private schools in the Quad City area. All this makes the Quad Cities an exceptional place for networking, field experience placements and jobs.

Get in Touch With Us Today

We invite you to visit St. Ambrose to learn more about the opportunities here. Our quality academic programs provide one of the best private education values in the Midwest. Check it out for yourself: contact our Admissions Office, 563/333-6300 (toll-free 800/383-2627) or admit@sau.edu, or go online to www.sau.edu.

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