ABOUT THE EDUCATION MAJOR

The education program at The Ohio State University at Marion prepares future teachers for careers educating youth through the combination of a rigorous curriculum and a supportive social environment, students become scholars who investigate issues of learning and teaching in classrooms, schools, families, and other communities.

Ohio State Marion offers two bachelor's degrees with licensure, one in primary education (grades PK-5) and one in middle childhood education (grades 4-9). Our Bachelor of Science in Education Degree program prepares teachers to work in a diversity of settings—urban, rural, as well as suburban. A third bachelor's degree program, child and youth studies, is a non-licensure degree. Students who are interested in making a positive impact in a community through education or who are committed to social justice and equal opportunity for all will find this coursework and field experiences instrumental in shaping their career path.

CAREERS IN EDUCATION

Preschool Teacher; Elementary School Teacher; Middle School Teacher; High School Teacher; Special Education Teacher; Gifted and Talented Teacher; Electives Teacher; Career and Technical Education Teacher; Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages; Substitute Teacher; Paraprofessionals; Teachers’ Aides and Teachers’ Assistants; Instructional Technology Specialist; School Librarian; Education Writer; Lesson Plan Sales; Training and Development Specialist, Education Policy; Guidance Counselors; School Psychologist; Principal; Assistant Principal; Superintendent; Instructional Coordinator; College Educator; Adult Literacy and High School Equivalency Diploma Teachers

SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES

Paityn Caudill('19)
7th Grade
Language Arts and Social Studies
Gahanna Middle School East
Gahanna, OH

Sydney Burnett('20)
3rd grade teacher
George Washington Elementary
Marion, Ohio

Luke Renner('15)
8th Grade Science
Grizzell Middle School, Dublin, OH.

Rob Sexton ('15)
5th Grade Math
Delaware City Schools, Delaware, OH
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Implementing the theories and practices of teaching and learning acquired through university study in pre-kindergarten through 8th grade classrooms is an essential component of our teacher preparation program. Ohio State Marion students benefit from field placements, which are strongly linked to their education coursework, throughout their college career. They are mentored in these placements by area teachers and guided by our dedicated and experienced field supervisors. Field experiences begin with the First Education Experience Program (FEEP) when students spend 2 half-days per week in both elementary and middle childhood classrooms and continue with a second field experience, currently in the Marion City Schools. Advanced field placements, taken in the junior and senior years, involve one full day per week and three full weeks throughout the semester in a classroom in the student’s licensure area. By the end of their teacher preparation program, our students are well-prepared to fulfill the various and varied roles teachers assume in classrooms.

SAMPLE CLASSES

At Ohio State Marion, students across all three educations programs take common pre-major and major courses as well as specialized courses within each major. See a few sample courses and their descriptions below.

**EDUTL 5468: Foundations of Reading and Literacy** – Throughout your teacher preparation program, you’ll repeatedly hear, “We’re all teachers of reading.” This course introduces theories and practices related to literacy for children in elementary and middle childhood. Students learn the importance of a child-centered philosophy of literacy instruction and of recognizing and integrating the unique abilities each student brings to the classroom.

**EDUTL 5005: Equity and Diversity in Education** – This course encourages students to explore historical and contemporary issues around equity and diversity throughout the national education system as well as in individual classrooms and to consider the impact of teachers’ identities and lived experiences on their approaches to teaching and learning.

**ESEPSY 2309: Psychological Perspectives on Education** – Focusing on major theories of human development, motivation, and learning, authentic pedagogical practices help students gain an understanding of the teaching and learning process. In addition to learning about various approaches to classroom management, students explore the instructional cycle of planning, teaching, and assessing.

OUR FACULTY

Our faculty are part of Ohio State’s College of Education and Human Ecology. We work collaboratively with students to provide teaching, research, and service opportunities that develop engaged and socially responsible educators.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Peyton Ice

Middle Childhood Education from Marysville, Ohio

"I have really enjoyed my time spent here at the Marion campus. Aside from the obvious affordability of the regional campus option, I have loved the one-on-one relationships I have experienced with the faculty and staff. The field experience opportunities in the local school districts have really cemented my understanding and adoration for teaching!"

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
MARION

go.osu.edu/marion-education