WHAT YOU DON’T KNOW...

...JUST MAY HELP YOU

College of Education

Arizona
Think you know everything there is to know about the College of Education?

Think again!
Twist our arms— we just have to brag!

UA-educated teachers perform above the state average (Arizona Department of Education survey of Arizona principals).

We’re home to the state’s only programs to prepare rehabilitation counselors and educators of the deaf and blind.

The 2013 U.S. News & World Report’s annual list of Best Graduate Schools placed the College of Education at 51, up from 66 over one year. The college’s graduate program in rehabilitation counseling was ranked sixth in the nation.
The National Council on Teacher Quality gave us high marks in its report, *Student Teaching in the United States*. We were one of just a few institutions in the Southwest to receive the rating.

**Worlds of Words**, the International Collection of Children’s and Adolescent Literature, is the largest collection in America, and it’s housed right here. In fact, there’s only one larger collection in the world!
Changing the Face of Education

CREATE (Communities as Resources in Early Childhood Teacher Education), a partnership between the college and the Helios Education Foundation, taps family and community members in the education of future teachers.
The Professional Preparation Board, 40 education professionals and citizens from across Arizona, provides guidance to all our programs that lead to state certification in teaching and leadership.

In partnership with Tucson Unified School District, Beyond Bridging collaborates with the UA Departments of Teaching, Learning, and Sociocultural Studies, Mathematics, and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology to refine and evaluate a new model for teacher preparation targeting science and mathematics teachers of K-6, low-income, culturally and linguistically diverse students.
It’s not rocket science. Then again, maybe it is!

The Math and Science Teacher Education/Retention Industry Partnerships program fosters a connection between the workforce and the classroom by giving teachers internship opportunities in businesses during the summer.

The UA MASTER-IP program is in partnership with coe.arizona.edu/mp
**Reaching Out**

Our **Literacy Zones** program employs graduate students to work with ethnically and socioeconomically diverse neighborhoods, enhancing a culture of literacy.

**Passport to High School** — weeklong summer institutes at the college — empowers graduating eighth-graders from low-income families to view their high school experience as the pathway to college.
Faculty and students collaborate with the Wildcat School to address why so many students from underserved communities arrive to middle school with low literacy, numeracy, and study skills. We also create effective and supportive pathways for families whose children will be the first to pursue higher education degrees.

Located in the foothills of the Tucson Mountains, the Cooper Center — a partnership between the college and Tucson Unified School District — teaches thousands about ecology, science, and the beauty and wonders of our home, the Sonoran Desert.
Project SEED is a teacher education program for community leaders from economically disadvantaged rural areas in Mexico and Guatemala.

Project SOAR places more than 100 UA undergraduate mentors in under-resourced, public middle schools in Tucson. The mentors come from across campus, but many switch to education after this experience.

The Paul Lindsey Internships in Education program gives our students an opportunity to learn more about education outside the classroom — and receive scholarships at the same time. Interns build leadership and management skills via public outreach programs, museums, and educational learning centers in Tucson.
Teacher Day at UA! Every spring, we thank thousands of teachers and offer a treasure chest of goodies plus free admission to UA museums, galleries, and science centers as part of National Teacher Appreciation Week.

WordCats*MathCats offers free tutoring in schools throughout the community. We offer training for tutors at the beginning of each semester.

Learn more!
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The “protective school” concept provides all members of a school community the opportunity to achieve their full potential, while reducing the risk factors for drug abuse, dropping out, academic failure, discipline problems, violence, self-harm, and suicide.

AILDI (American Indian Language Development Institute) is the nation’s first institute devoted to training American Indian educators in all fields of American Indian language study and research. AILDI holds an institute every summer in the college.

The college’s Advisory Board serves as a vital link between the college and the community. Its distinguished members are committed to improving our local and state educational systems.
Our endowments total about $8 million, including the recent Paul L. Lindsey and Kathy J. Alexander Dean’s Chair in Education. In fact, we have five endowments: two endowed chairs and three distinguished professors.

The U.S. Department of Education selected our dean as a negotiator representing Four-Year Public Institutions for the Teacher Preparation Committee, which develops proposed regulations related to national teacher preparation program issues.

We have a diverse faculty. About 14 percent of our college’s faculty is made up of minorities (9 percent of which is Hispanic).
For every dollar we invest in tenure and tenure-stream faculty salaries, there is a return of $2.20 in grant and contract revenue alone. **These benefits** are compounded by the hundreds of highly qualified education professionals we prepare for Arizona yearly.

**We also have:**

A professor with dual appointments in education and in the Department of Medicine, in recognition of work in medical admissions and medical education with the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Two professors in the National Academy of Education.


A University Distinguished Outreach Faculty recipient for sustained excellence in the university’s outreach mission.
Inquiring minds want to know

Our research grants and contracts brought in nearly $15 million last year and cover everything from miner safety and medical-school admissions to reintegration for disabled veterans and understanding water systems.

The STEM Learning Center (marrying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with teaching and learning, research, and outreach) is a collaboration between our college and the College of Science.

Project FOCUS, a $2.5 million, five-year federal grant, improves the high school to college transition for students with intellectual disabilities.
We’re exploring the relevance of social media technology and its use across postsecondary institutions, thanks to a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant.

A $1 million Arizona Board of Regents grant coordinates a tri-university effort to improve student success in high-poverty, low-performing schools.

Algebra Ready was launched to increase students’ ability in math by better training middle-school teachers.

For a complete list, go to coe.arizona.edu and head to Research & Faculty.
We graduate thousands, including teachers, of course, but also researchers, counselors, school psychologists, special education teachers, principals, and superintendents — just to name a few.

Our student teaching program is a nationally known model for teacher preparation. Here’s how it works: In the two semesters before student teaching, students take all of their methods courses at a local school. By the time our students graduate, they have spent a year and a half in a local public school.
We have a diverse student body. Nearly 36 percent of our undergraduate and graduate students are minorities, 4 percent of which is Native American. Compare that to under ½ percent percent nationally!

Our Native American doctoral students outnumber the national average by 2½ times.

Future Teachers Club prepares students for applications, interviews, and leadership — and also have fun in the process.

We award about $370,000 in scholarships each year. The average graduate scholarship is $1,346 while the average undergraduate scholarship is $977.

About 3,000 family and friends attend the college’s May convocation ceremony to congratulate our graduates.
Big Bird and Swimming Champs

Just about everyone knows Big Bird, Elmo, and the Cookie Monster, right? Because of Sesame Street’s worldwide reach, the program is considered the world’s largest educator. What you may not know is that its creator, Joan Ganz Cooney, is one of our grads!

Lacey Nymeyer John excelled on the UA women’s swimming and diving team and won silver in the 400-meter Free Relay at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing. Now, she’s working on a master’s degree in the college.

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Other alumni include the former **mayor of Phoenix** (Phil Gordon), a disability specialist who works to promote the **disability-rights movement in Afghanistan** despite the bombs around her (Susan Helseth), and the teacher and principal who set the UA’s basketball scoring record with 46 points in 1960 (the record still holds today), but who could not join his team at restaurants because of the color of his skin (Ernie McCray).

We could name **countless others** who prove that a degree in education can serve as a foundation for careers in religion, law, nursing, writing, and, of course, as teachers and administrators.
We’re expanding! Three of our programs are offered in the Phoenix area: MASTER-IP, Teach Arizona, and the graduate educational specialist program in school psychology.

We rub elbows with Lady Gaga! LG and her mother launched the Born This Way Foundation. As part of the launch, there was an academic symposium on youth meanness and cruelty. Our resident cyberbullying expert attended the all-day, invitation-only symposium at Harvard.
The internationally well-known concept of **Funds of Knowledge** was developed by two of our professors and combines approaches from anthropology, psychology, and linguistics, as well as education.

We are home to the first campus mosaic of the **Ben’s Bells Kindness Corridor**, a series of kindness-themed mosaic art and murals created by local artists, students, and community members.
Your students are waiting!
Undergraduate Programs

Early Childhood Education: You can teach grades pre-K-3 with this degree.

Elementary Education: With this degree, you can teach grades 1-8. You also have the option of a bilingual endorsement.

Cross-Categorical Special Education: If you’ve always wanted to work with students who have mild to moderate disabilities, this degree will prepare you for grades K-12.

Deaf Studies: This is a nonteaching program that prepares students to work with the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

Rehabilitation: This program prepares you for entry-level work in social-service agencies, correctional facilities, and other similar settings.
Extend your reach!
Graduate Studies

1. Disability and Psychoeducational Studies
coe.arizona.edu/dps

2. Educational Policy Studies and Practice
coe.arizona.edu/epsp

3. Educational Psychology
coe.arizona.edu/ep

4. Teaching, Learning, and Sociocultural Studies
coe.arizona.edu/tls
is a fast-track, one-year master’s degree program for people who have earned a bachelor’s degree, have a strong background in math, science, English, history, political science, or Spanish, and wish to become teachers in middle school or high school (grades 7-12).

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Graduate work in early childhood prepares you for the challenge of leadership. And work in early childhood challenges you to increase your knowledge, develop your practices, and shape the future for Arizona’s children.

Make this the next step in your career. You’ll also be taking the next step in improving the lives of Arizona’s children.
It’s time for you to take the challenge!

coe.arizona.edu/ec_grad_program
Our electronic newsletter, E-News, comes out about once a month (maybe not quite so often in the hot summer months!), and don’t miss Imagine magazine, which goes to 40,000, and features in-depth profiles about our alumni and faculty, delves into our research, and covers issues we don’t have room for in E-News. Sign up for one or both by emailing anat@u.arizona.edu.
HELP US TAKE EDUCATION TO NEW HEIGHTS!

The need for private support is greater than ever before. To continue this tradition of excellence, your financial support is crucial to the College of Education.

You also may want to join The Erasmus Circle, a giving society whose members connect to the college through seminars, lectures, excursions, and events.

Please email smturner@u.arizona.edu to learn how you can help.