SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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The School of Education (SOE) was established in 1995 to broaden and increase support for Monmouth University's education programs. The goal of the School is to provide highly effective programs to prepare practitioners who can help all students learn in diverse school settings. Candidates are mentored by a diverse faculty that models best practices grounded in evidence-based research. The School seeks to foster collaboration and partnerships among University faculty, students, staff, school practitioners, and community representatives to improve student achievement. Programs are rooted in the belief that all students can learn and are guided by four key themes:

1. the importance of both pedagogical and content knowledge with a commitment to lifelong learning,
2. an emphasis on collaboration and partnerships with schools and local communities,
3. the essential role played by cultural diversity and individual differences in the teaching/learning process, and
4. the need to develop educational leadership skills consistent with professional ethics.

The School of Education's mission is to be a leader in the preparation of highly competent, reflective professional educators (e.g., teachers, administrators, school counselors, speech-language pathologists, behavior analysts, student affairs specialists, and reading specialists) who have the knowledge, 21st century skills, and dispositions required to improve the teaching and learning of students in a highly pluralistic, democratic society. Toward this end, our candidates are prepared to serve students from diverse identities in terms of abilities, age, culture, ethnicity, family, lifestyle, and socioeconomic status.

The SOE programs emphasize state and national curriculum standards with research-based best practice designed to improve student learning and prepare P-12 students to be successful in the 21st-century global economy. Programs are designed to improve a candidate's critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills as they apply these core competencies to P-12 student learning. The School's programs also integrate state-of-the-art instructional technologies that can be applied in K-12 classrooms, school administrative practices and educational counseling. The School has its own computer lab and offers online, hybrid, and Web-enhanced courses.