College of Education
Welcome to the College of Education

We are excited you are considering attending Chicago State University, where we’ve built an educational environment especially for you. With high academic standards, small class sizes, dedicated professors, and hands-on learning, Chicago State University will provide you with a world-class experience to help you meet your personal and professional goals.

The College’s mission is to provide quality programs and services that prepare education professionals to plan, organize, deliver, assess, support, and oversee instruction and related activities. We are committed to fostering effective research and education practices in settings with significantly diverse populations. We also embrace the University’s mission to engage, educate, and empower our students and community to transform lives locally and globally.

I urge you to become familiar with the College's programs and take advantage of all that Chicago State University has to offer. I hope you choose to join our College and look forward to helping you develop a rewarding career in Education.

Satasha Green, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Education
Chicago State University—personal, professional and academic integrity

Chicago State University (CSU) is Chicago’s oldest, fully accredited, public university. It was founded as a teacher training school over 140 years ago. Today, the University is comprised of five colleges that offer 38 undergraduate degrees, 24 graduate degrees, and two doctoral degrees. CSU also offers an interdisciplinary Honors College for students in all areas of study, and CSU’s Continuing Education and Non-Traditional Degree Programs offer extension courses, distance learning, and not-for-credit programs.

Academics

With 38 accredited bachelor degree programs, CSU can help you get started on the path toward the career of your dreams. For working professionals who have already earned a bachelor’s degree, CSU also offers 24 accredited graduate and professional programs that provide you with a competitive edge and help you take your career to the next level.

Our internship and fellowship programs offer you the ability to jump-start your career by putting your education to work before you graduate—while also making a difference in the community.

World-Class Faculty

At CSU, we are dedicated to our students and make their success a top priority, which is why all of our classes are taught by professors—not teaching assistants.

Our world-class faculty includes both professional academics and skilled practitioners—doctors, lawyers, CEOs, published authors and renowned researchers. This helps CSU ensure that our curriculum is relevant and meets the needs of future employers.

By the Numbers

Chicago State University offers the best of both worlds—strong academic programs and a wide range of extracurricular and athletic activities.

From Division I intercollegiate and intramural athletics to student-run organizations and leadership opportunities, you can explore your interests and develop your talents both in and outside of the classroom.

4,767
Total Student Enrollment

38
Bachelor’s Degree Programs

24
Graduate Degree Programs

2
Doctoral Degree Programs

15
NCAA Division I Athletic Teams

20
Minutes from downtown Chicago
"CSU provided me with the resources through the physical education faculty to not only become one of the best at impacting my students promoting lifetime fitness and health, but extending it beyond the classroom to impact communities."

Orlandus Thomas, Class of 2006
Gary Comer College Prep, Physical Education Content Lead Teacher

The College of Education’s success is demonstrated through continuous accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools since 1941 and the Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation (formed in 2013 through the consolidation of NCATE and TEAC). This is a tribute to the quality of our academic programs as accreditation demonstrates that the university has passed rigorous external, professional review, that teacher performance has been thoroughly assessed before licensing, and that the programs meet all standards set by the teaching profession. In addition, all programs in the College are accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Individual specialized professional organizations and associations and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) also accredit our programs.
Student Engagement
Not only will you learn valuable lessons and work with diverse perspectives, you will acquire skills that will contribute to the education of the students you will someday serve. The world is your classroom. Students make the most of their time at CSU by getting involved in campus life through participation in activities, clubs and organizations that help develop leadership, networking, social, organization and management skills. These three College of Education-specific organizations provide both professional and social activities:

- Cougar Academy for Teachers (CATs) Homework Club
- Field-Based Teacher Internship Program
- Future Teachers Club

Classroom Connections
For decades Chicago State University has educated teachers, school administrators, researchers, counselors, and a variety of other education professionals who have gone on to make a difference in the Chicago and across the world. Many of our alumni maintain a connection with CSU and give their time and expertise as mentors.

School Partnerships
The College of Education (COE) has formed many partnerships with schools to ensure students have a high-quality, diverse field experience in both their pre-clinical and clinical field-based program. Partner schools are based in urban, suburban, rural and international communities. Partnerships include rural-based schools in Morris, Minnesota, Davenport, Iowa; urban-based schools in Louisville, Kentucky; and international schools in Kaohsiung, Taiwan and Accra, Ghana. Experiential programs within COE like Community Outreach & Field Placement Services (CO/FPS) and the Teacher Development Center give students the opportunity to gain a hands-on experience at schools, libraries and recreational facilities.

Roderika Ballard, Class of 2012
Lucycle Collins Middle School

Former Golden Apple scholar Roderika Ballard took a less traditional route and majored in Family and Consumer Sciences at Chicago State University. As a student-teacher at Thornridge High School during the winter 2012 term, Roderika soon came to understand how much her professors at Chicago State University were preparing her and her fellow classmates to stand in front of their own classroom and teach.

“The professors of CSU are very personable and deeply committed to the development of future educators. They were always seeking ways to assist me and push my professional development, even going beyond the classroom to expose me to a range of opportunities. It is because of my College of Education professors that I felt more prepared to oversee a learning environment of my own.”

“There was a wealth of support available to all students, but it was up to us to seek out that support in order to profit from the experience. Not only did I gain extensive knowledge in the classroom, I was afforded opportunities to learn outside the classroom as well. From serving as the Student Government Association President to working as a Resident Assistant and traveling abroad to study in Egypt, the world, too, has been my classroom. When I mention the experiences and opportunities I’ve gained at CSU to my friends who attended other schools, it’s obvious they didn’t receive the same benefits.”

Now a Lake Worth Independent School District teacher, Roderika finds herself more than appreciative of the many lessons and skills she acquired at CSU. “I came to Chicago State with the desire to teach. I left Chicago State as an educator prepared to manage a classroom and deeply impact the lives of my students.”
Since 1867, Chicago State University's College of Education has been dedicated to helping students realize their career goals in education. For almost a century and a half, we have prepared education professionals to teach in the classroom, oversee learning environments, assess instruction, administer instructional programs, lead educational organizations, and serve in various other capacities at a local, national, and global level. The COE offers a variety of certificate and degree programs at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels of study.

**Programs of Study in the College of Education**

- Bilingual/Education
- Career & Technical Education
- Child & Family Studies
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Leadership & Administration
- Elementary & Middle Education
- Higher Education Administration
- Infant Toddler Studies
- Information Studies
- Instructional Foundations
- Library Science
- Physical Education
- Reading
- Recreation
- Secondary Education
- Special Education
- Teaching of Reading
- Technology & Performance Improvement Studies†

† online only

**College of Education Admissions**

Enrollment in an initial teacher preparation program requires admission to the College of Education as a prerequisite to all teaching methodology courses, student teaching, and other professional education courses in the course listings.

Admission to the College of Education is based on academic record, good character, and proficiency in basic skills. Students who meet all admission requirements are eligible to apply to the College of Education for formal admission.

Undergraduate admission also requires the successful completion of the university qualifying examinations in English, mathematics, and reading, unless the TAP examination was passed prior to the time of admission to Chicago State University in a teacher education program.

**Admission Criteria**

Academic Record: Admission to the College of Education in a bachelor's degree or nondegree licensure-only program requires a minimum program GPA of 2.5 in all course work required in the teacher preparation program, either as transfer credit or completed at Chicago State University. Effective Fall 2007, admission to the College of Education requires minimally acceptable grades in all program-applicable courses completed at Chicago State University. At the time of admission, students must be within 12 semester hours of completing their general education requirements.
Admission to Chicago State University is selective. All applications are evaluated carefully on an individual basis. Our goal is to identify students who possess the ability, motivation and intellectual curiosity necessary to succeed at Chicago State.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and admission decisions are made after we receive all of your credentials. You should apply early to ensure consideration for your preferred semester of enrollment. For priority review, completed applications should be returned to the Office of Admissions by April 1 for fall admission or by November 15 for spring admission.

How to Apply

Online: It’s easy, convenient and secure. Go to [www.csu.edu/admissions/](http://www.csu.edu/admissions/). For assistance, you can visit the Office of Admissions on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays or call 773.995.2513.

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Financial Aid and Scholarships

Chicago State University awards financial aid to more than 90% of the student body each year, including grants, scholarships, loans and work study programs. Learn more about financial aid and scholarship opportunities at [www.csu.edu/financialaid](http://www.csu.edu/financialaid).

Financial Aid Deadlines

To receive maximum consideration for financial aid, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as possible, but no later than March 10. There is no deadline for Stafford Loans and Pell Grants. For FAFSA and financial aid information, visit [www.csu.edu/financialaid/applyforfafsa.htm](http://www.csu.edu/financialaid/applyforfafsa.htm).
"The classroom is where I instill confidence as a leader."

Nicholas McKnight
Class of 2014

Visit CSU
We encourage students and their families to contact us for individual and/or group tours to become familiar with our campus environment.

The Office of Admissions is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays, for appointments, tours or walk ins.

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The new Academic Library opened in 2006 and provides a supportive learning environment, promoting scholarship, research and teaching at the University.