

Department of Early and Elementary Education Seidel School of Education



PROGRAMS

MAJORS

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Elementary Education with Dual Certification in Early Childhood Education (PreK-6)

About the Department

The Department of Early and Elementary Education offers a Bachelor of Science in elementary education (grades 1-6) and early childhood education (Pre-K-grade 3), as well as a dual certification pathway in elementary and early childhood education. Programs are accredited by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQUEP), National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the International Literacy Association (ILA) and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Faculty advisors work with you to develop a program plan that prepares you to become eligible for a teaching certificate.



Multiple clinical experiences



Teacher candidates Zooming with Andri Magnuson, children's literature author and activist.

Explore Your Options

You will find that faculty in the Department of Early and Elementary Education (DEEE) are a creative, enthusiastic and talented group of educators. Members of the DEEE have won recognition regionally and nationally. Our faculty are engaged in local Professional Development Schools, working closely with prospective candidates and interns. We have also created collaborative programs that provide international sites for student interns, such as New Zealand. The integration of new technologies for teaching, including the use of mobile devices, interactive boards, Web-based learning, is a department priority among faculty. We invite you to explore these exciting opportunities as you prepare to teach in the 21st century!

Celebrate Excellence

Many learning opportunities are available to teacher candidates. Some of these include membership in the Living Learning Community, Education Club and Kappa Delta Pi organizations for education majors. The Riall Lecture Series invites nationally known researchers to speak on current educational topics each semester. The annual Envirokids Literacy Festival hosts award-winning authors and illustrators of regional, national and international children's books. In addition, there are numerous scholarship opportunities available for teacher candidates. We offer many opportunities for you to collaborate with professionals in local Professional Development School Partnerships and in international settings around the world.

We believe teacher candidates must be informed decision-makers and reflective practitioners. We invite you to celebrate diversity and to develop a passion for exciting students about learning. We expect you to be committed to excellence in your own scholarship.

FACULTY

Chair

- Jeni Davis, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
University of Missouri

Program Director – Elementary Education

- Claudia Burgess, Ph.D.
Professor
University of Illinois at Urbana

Program Director – Early Childhood Education

- Amber Meyer, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Michigan State University

Professor

- Shanetia P. Clark, Ph.D.
Pennsylvania State University

Associate Professors

- Chin-Hsiu Chen, Ph.D.
University of Victoria
- Brian Flores, Ph.D.
University of South Florida
- Althea Pennerman, Ph.D.
University of South Alabama
- Diallo D. Sessoms, Ph.D.
University of Virginia
- Vincent Genereo, Ph.D.
University of North Dakota

Assistant Professors

- Konstantine Kyriacopoulos, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
University of Washington
- Heather Matthews, Ph.D.
University of Tennessee
- Gurupriya Ramanathan, Ph.D.
Boise State University

Clinical Assistant Professor

- Niya Brown, M.Ed.
Salisbury University
- Marylou Fineran, M.Ed.
Salisbury University



Exploring in the Makerspace Lab

EARN SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

SU teacher candidates are eligible to earn an Upper Division Certificate in Special Education at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Through this unique university partnership, students gain the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to work effectively with learners with disabilities in all classrooms while enriching their overall instructional, management and diagnostic competencies. For admissions requirements and program details, contact SU's Early and Elementary Education Department.



The Elementary Education Program has been recognized by the International Literacy Association (ILA) for its outstanding preparation of literacy professionals. SU is one of a few institutions to receive this recognition at the undergraduate level.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For information on the Department of Early and Elementary Education, please contact Kimberlee Smith at: teachereducation@salisbury.edu

410-543-6280



Mission Statement: We honor children by empowering teacher candidates to engage in creative, caring and compassionate pedagogies.

Make Tomorrow Yours

salisbury.edu/teachered



SU is an Equal Opportunity/AA/Title IX university and provides reasonable accommodation given sufficient notice to the University office or staff sponsoring the event or program. For more information regarding SU's policies and procedures, please visit salisbury.edu/equity.