

College of Education and Human Services

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Faculty of the college take full advantage of UIS' location in the state capital by maintaining close ties with the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Human Services. Faculty serve on a variety of professional advisory boards and on the boards of local social service delivery agencies. Due to the large number of state government employees, educators, and human service professionals in Springfield, the college's academic programs are vital to the city's economic and employment base.

Students enrolled in the college's programs prepare for professional careers as consultants, counselors, gerontologists, prevention specialists, public professionals, researchers, school administrators and teacher-leaders.

The Educational Leadership Department serves graduate students seeking one of two distinct degrees: the M.A. in Educational Leadership (Principal Endorsement) or the M.A. in Education (online).

The M.A. in Educational Leadership prepares future elementary and secondary school administrators who are highly qualified to lead their schools in meeting state and national standards and adopting school reform initiatives. The M.A. in Education (MAE) program prepares teacher-leaders who excel in teaching and non-administrative roles in their organizations and communities.

The Human Development Counseling department is nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Students earn a master of arts degree in one of three concentrations: Clinical Mental Health Counseling; Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling; and School Counseling. Graduates are prepared for licensure as a School Counselor in K-12 settings, licensure as a Clinical Professional Counselor, or licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist.

The Human Services department prepares graduate students for employment in the fastest growing segment of society, including providing direct services to senior centers and nursing homes, administering and evaluating service-delivery systems for the elderly, and assisting in legislative bodies that serve older persons. Graduates of this program are also qualified to be case managers, human services grant writers, substance abuse counselors, and many other human service professionals. Students earn a master of arts degree in one of four concentrations: Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Child and Family Studies; Gerontology; and Social Services Administration (online).

College faculty use a variety of innovative teaching strategies and technologies in the classroom and apply their research and scholarship to the course work that they teach. Many of the faculty have national and international reputations in their areas of expertise.