When you pursue your teaching or education career at the University of Minnesota, you’ll be a part of:

- A world-renowned research university. The U of M education program was rated the #1 public education program in the world, according to the [Academic Ranking of World Universities](https://www.arwu.org) (ARWU) 2017 report.

- A program that is well respected in Minnesota school districts. Our students are highly sought after by Minnesota School principals and superintendents because of our reputation for effective preparation.

- A cohort of other teacher licensure students, so you can learn from your peers and build a lasting network of teacher colleagues.

**BECOMING A TEACHER**

**I want to teach in . . .**

> **Special Education**

- major in special education (you will earn your teaching license in four years)

> **Early Childhood or Elementary Education**

- major in Early Childhood or Elementary Education Foundations
apply to the Master of Education and Initial Teaching License in Early Childhood or Elementary Education (one year program after completing your undergraduate degree)

> Middle School and High School

- major in the content area you would like to teach
- apply to the [DirecTrack in Teaching](#) program (during your freshman or sophomore year)
- apply to the Master of Education and Initial Teaching License in English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies (one year program after completing your undergraduate degree)

> Specialty Areas (K-12)

- major in the content area you would like to teach
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- apply to the Master of Education and Initial Teaching License in Second Language Education or in Arts and Education (one year program after completing your undergraduate degree)
DirecTrack to Teaching is for current U of M first-year students and sophomores who are interested in teaching the following subjects: art, dance, English, math, science, second languages, social studies, and theatre. Explore the education field and get on the path to admission to the graduate teacher licensure program.

TEACHING LICENSURE

The U of M offers teacher licensure programs in the following areas:

- **Arts in Education** (Dance, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts)
- **Early Childhood**
- **Elementary Education**
- **English Education**
- **Mathematics Education**
- **Science Education**: Chemistry, Earth and space science, General science, Life science, Physics
- **Second Languages Education** (world languages and ESL)
- **Social Studies Education**: American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology
- **Special Education**

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Meet Our Alumni

Corey Bulman

2017 Minnesota Teacher of the Year

When Corey Bulman accepted his first teaching job in 2000, he wasn’t sure what to expect. But it was a good fit. Seventeen years later, he’s still there.

Bulman, M.Ed. ‘00, teaches English and language arts at Mound Westonka High School in Minnetrista, a town of about 7,000 on the west edge of the Twin Cities metro area. On the path from rookie teacher to school role model, Bulman became an important part of the community.

“I went all in with high school because I felt like I was going to have a direct impact,” he says. “People become your family, and you grow up with them.”

So when he was named Minnesota Teacher of the Year this spring, Bulman knew whom to thank—the award reflects many years of hard work by his school’s close-knit staff.

“It’s the culmination of almost two decades of work that a lot of us have been doing together,” he says. “It’s an affirmation of what we’re doing with our students.”

Continue reading about Corey's journey at the U of M and the College of Education and Human Development.
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