The College of Education provides leadership in the art and science of teaching and learning. We prepare people to become teachers, counselors, specialists, educational psychologists, professors, university administrators, and researchers for every level of education: the preschool, elementary, middle, high school, adult learning, vocational, and university environments. Our faculty develops innovative and transformational research inspired by authentic educational situations, supports strong relationships with local schools, and works hard to benefit our community.

Points of Pride

• Over the past five years the College of Education has received more than $20 million in federal and state grants for a wide variety of research, teaching, and service projects.

• Faculty in the College of Education have won major awards for their research, books, journal articles, and leadership in their fields. Their work gives the university increased visibility on the national level.

• A new mental health clinic known as The PRACTICE (Partnership for Research, Assessment, Counseling, Therapy and Innovative Clinical Education) is a full-service mental health center that provides a confidential setting for area residents to receive low-cost, quality mental health services. The PRACTICE is a partnership operated by educational psychology, counselor education, and psychology professionals from the colleges of education and liberal arts.

• The national office of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, a scholarly society with about 2,000 members, has made UNLV’s College of Education its headquarters.

• College of Education faculty members mentor teacher candidates in their field placements and guide them through innovative and extensive apprenticeship residency programs like those in the specially designated 21st Century Teacher Preparation schools and in special education.

• The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders serves children with autism and their families. The center creates community awareness about what autism is and publishes a resources guide for families. In addition, it collaborates with the Dave Rice Foundation, which helps families get access to important services early.

• UNLV’s Center for Mathematics, Science and Engineering Education, formed though a unique interdisciplinary partnership between colleges, is enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education locally, which better prepares Las Vegas to compete in the hi-tech arena.
COMMUNITY

- Graduate students and faculty are working with four Clark County School District high schools as part of the state’s Go To College initiative, which is helping underrepresented high school students get the preparation they need to attend college.

- The TeleCounseling Center provides adolescent mental health services to five rural Northern Nevada counties as well as serving as the campus counseling center for Great Basin College in Elko and its satellite campuses.

- The Southern Nevada Writing Project, supported by faculty in the Department of Teaching and Learning, has been working with local teachers and students since 1984 and is part of a network of 200 National Writing Project sites.

- The UNLV/CSUN preschool, located in the Lynn Bennett Early Childhood Education Center, is a model of inclusive early education and serves local children, with and without disabilities, who range from six weeks to five years old. It is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

- The Gayle A. Zeiter Literacy Development Center hosts a children’s literature conference featuring award-winning authors and illustrators of children’s books.

- UNLV heads an accelerated Schools PLUS project for several Clark County schools as well as a school on the Navajo reservation in Piñon, Arizona. Accelerated schools bring all students into the educational mainstream by developing their natural strengths and by having consistently high expectations.

- The Nevada Collaborative Teaching Improvement Program is funding innovative faculty-led partnerships with the Clark County School District that integrate language arts, the sciences, and mathematics learning.

ALUMNI

The College of Education has more than 14,000 alumni, with an estimated 10,000 still working in Southern Nevada. Our alumni are well prepared for the realities of the classroom, research, clinical practice, and the professorate. If you’ve grown up in Clark County, there’s a good chance that the teacher who recognized something special in you, the coach who inspired you to try harder, the leader who fought to make your school a better place, or the psychologist who helped you meet the challenges of a learning disability honed their skills by attending classes in the College of Education at UNLV.