

CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

Mission:

Founded in 1855, Eureka College is proud to be the first college in Illinois and the third in the United States to admit men and women on an equal basis. Eureka College, a liberal arts and science institution, affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), exists to cultivate excellence in learning, service, and leadership. The College fosters the mutual development of intellect and character so that the members of our community may lead meaningful, productive lives and succeed in their professional and social roles.

Teacher Preparation Programs:

From its founding, the preparation of teachers for the public schools continues to be a vital part of the College. Teachers needing courses for continuing education have a variety of choices in special summer workshop graduate classes covering Best Practice hands-on coursework for professional development. A purpose central to the mission of the College is “Commitment to inclusiveness within selectivity.”

Student Characteristics:

Of 672 students enrolled Fall 2007, most were of traditional college age and 620 of them were attending full-time. They included 54% female and 46% male. Approximately one-fourth of all students gain their initial teacher certification. The 12:1 Student/Faculty ratio provides all students with personalized attention.

Admissions Requirements:

Admission to Teacher Education Program: Students may enroll in EDU227 Educational Psychology and the accompanying Field Experience (EDU228) with a 2.2 overall GPA and sophomore standing. Admission to the Teacher Education Program requires a 2.5 overall GPA; grades of “C” or better in ENG101W, ENG102W, EDU185W, and EDU227; a grade of “P” in EDU228; successful completion of the Illinois Basic Skills Test; successful completion of a Candidate Presentation; and recommendations from two Faculty members plus the Vice President for Student Programs and Services.

Admission to Student Teaching: Student Teaching requires a 2.75 GPA in the content area in addition to maintaining an overall GPA of 2.5. Candidates must also have passed the appropriate ICTS Subject-Matter Knowledge Test and completed all Professional Education and Content Area courses. Teacher Education requires intellectual rigor and high ethical principles. Candidates must demonstrate not only good grades, but also good character, including a belief that all students can learn.

Accreditation:

Eureka College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and is affiliated with the Illinois Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Division of Higher Education (Disciples of Christ), and the Illinois Association for Teacher Education in Private Colleges. All teacher education programs are approved by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Teacher Education Vision:

In order for teachers “to realize the potential of the whole person” in their classrooms, they must have the ability to teach the whole person. In keeping with this statement, the Eureka College Teacher Education Program believes that persons entering teaching must have five distinctive performance areas: Professionalism, Content Knowledge, Classroom Management Skills, a Repertoire of Teaching Strategies, and Technology Literacy.

Best Practices:

- Multiple field-based experiences provide contact with diverse student groups and grade levels including “at risk” public school students.
- Education Faculty has great strength in student advising.
- Teacher Education students integrate technology when designing curriculum units and assessments.
- Teacher Education Program has a comprehensive Assessment System.

Notable Features and Accomplishments:

- Eureka College received ISBE approval of a Learning Behavior Specialist I (LBS I) Certification Program in April 2007.
- Teacher Education graduates have high visibility in Illinois as teachers and coaches.
- Teacher Education graduate selected by the Associated Colleges of Illinois as one of six *Shining Examples of Liberal Arts for Leadership* award.
- Graduates include an Indiana Teacher of the Year and the first National Board Certified Teacher in Eureka District #140.
- Several Teacher Education graduates are working in school administrative positions.

**Program Information for Eureka College
2007-2008**

S.1 Total number of students admitted into teacher preparation, all specializations, in academic year 2007-2008	49
S.2 Number of candidates in supervised student teaching in academic year 2007-2008	36
S.3 Number of faculty members who supervised student teachers:	
➤ S.3A Full-time faculty in professional education	1
➤ S.3B Part-time faculty in professional education but full-time in the institution	0
➤ S.3C Part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution	4
S.4 Total faculty student teaching supervisors	5
S.5 Student teacher/faculty ratio (Divide total given in S.2 by the number given in S.4)	7.2:1
S.6A The average number of student teaching hours per week	40
S.6B The total number of weeks of supervised student teaching required	11
S.7 Average total number of hours required	440