

BLACKBURN COLLEGE

Carlinville, Illinois

2003-2004 Title II Report

Mission:

Blackburn College, founded in 1837 and affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA), provides a coeducational student body with a rigorous, distinctive, and affordable liberal arts education that prepares graduates to be responsible, productive citizens. The Blackburn community values critical and independent thinking, leadership development, respect for all individuals, and lifelong learning. The college fosters a sense of service, community, and moral responsibility through its unique student-managed work program, its collegial concept of shared governance and its faculty/staff mentor relationship with students.

Teacher Preparation Programs:

The emphasis of the Department of Education is on providing candidates with the professional education coursework and field experiences needed for Illinois certification in Elementary Education (K-9), Secondary Education (6-12), or Special Certificate (K-12). The Department of Education offers eight different certification designations:

Secondary English (6-12)	Visual Arts Education (K-12)
Secondary Mathematics (6-12)	Physical Education (K-12)
Secondary Social Science Education: History (6-12)	Elementary Education (K-9)
Secondary Science Education: Biology (6-12)	

Student Characteristics:

The majority of students at Blackburn College are of traditional college age with gender distribution of 58% female, 42% male. Of all students, 95.3% attend full-time, and 13% are of ethnically diverse backgrounds. Nearly one-third (212) of the 654 student attending Blackburn College are enrolled in the Teacher Education Program.

Admission Requirements:

Admission To Teacher Education:

1. Cumulative GPA 2.65 or higher
2. Evidence of passing IL Basic Skills Test
3. Grade of C or better in CO111 and Grade of C or better in all ED courses
4. Evidence of completion of 35 hours of ED100 field
5. Evidence of IL State Police Criminal Background Check
6. Professional Dispositions Evaluations
7. Completed Application to Teacher Education Program
8. Advisor signature on Teacher Education Program Application
9. Submission of Portfolio Artifacts

Admission to Student Teaching:

1. Cumulative GPA 2.65 or higher
2. Grade of C or better in all required ED courses
3. Grade of C or better in all required certification designation content courses
4. Evidence of passing IL Content Teaching Exam
5. Evidence of completion of all field experience hours required for specific certification designation
6. Professional Dispositions Evaluations
7. Observation of current student teacher
8. Completed Application to Student Teaching
9. Advisor Signature on Student Teaching Application
10. Submission of Portfolio Artifacts

CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

Accreditation:

Blackburn is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The college's educational unit and teacher preparation programs are approved by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Teacher Education Mission Statement:

The mission of the Blackburn College Department of Education is to combine a liberal arts education, a strong teacher preparation program and a unique student-managed work program in order to provide candidates with the best preparation for becoming productive citizens and educators.

Best Practices:

The emphasis of the Department of Education is on providing candidates with the professional education coursework and field experiences needed for state certification. Candidates will have the opportunity to acquire essential knowledge, skills and dispositions for initial teaching certification. The department welcomes a diversity of cultures, needs and ideas to promote the rigorous learning environment and scholarship required of all candidates. Each of the programs is designed to promote candidates' personal commitments to excellence in teaching. By developing these commitments, graduates of Blackburn College's education programs will be endowed with the necessary content skills, pedagogical skills and professional dispositions to enhance K-12 student learning.

Notable Features and Accomplishments:

- Blackburn College is one of seven work colleges in the country and the only one that is student-managed, providing student with extensive and meaningful hands-on work experience prior to graduation.
- The work program offers candidates the opportunity to work in K-12 educational settings as their campus work position.
- In their first education course, Education students participate in 35 hours of hands-on tutoring with K-12 students.
- The teacher education programs are significantly involved in both formal and informal partnerships with local K-12 schools.

**Program Information for Blackburn College
2003-2004**

S.1 Total number students admitted into teacher preparation, all specializations, in academic year 2003-2004	48
S.2 Number of students in supervised student teaching in academic year 2003-2004	41
S.3 Number of faculty members who supervised student teachers:	
➤ S.3A Full-time faculty in professional education	2
➤ S.3B Part-time faculty in professional education but full-time in the institution	11
➤ S.3C Part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution	0
S.4 Total faculty student teaching supervisors	12
S.5 Student teacher/faculty ratio (Divide total given in S.2 by the number given in S.4)	3.4:1
S.6A The average number of student teaching hours per week	40
S.6B The total number of weeks of supervised student Teaching required	15
S.7 Average total number of hours required	600