

NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

Chicago, Illinois

2003-2004 Title II Report

Mission:

The mission of North Park University, as an intentionally Christian university of the Evangelical Covenant Church, is to prepare students for lives of significance and service through liberal arts, professional, and theological education.

Teacher Preparation Programs:

North Park University offers sixteen programs leading to state teacher certification in early childhood, elementary, secondary (Biology, English, French, General Sciences, History, Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics, Social Studies, and Spanish), and K-12 education (Art, Music, and Physical Education) at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Student Characteristics:

In the School of Education traditional undergraduate students comprise 52% of enrolled students. Certification only students comprise 12.3% of enrolled students. Minority students comprise 27.3% of enrolled students. Students come to North Park University from many states and 2 foreign countries.

Admission Requirements:

Admission to Teacher Education: Overall GPA of 2.50 or above for undergraduate, acceptance into an appropriate major, positive recommendations from advisors and Dean of Student Development, approval of the Teacher Education Screening Committee, successful scores on the Illinois State Board of Education Basic Skills Test, and completion of health screening.

Admission to Mini-Teaching: Successful completion of Professional Terms A and B in the education program, continued overall GPA of 2.50 or above, education GPA of 2.75 or above, major or area of concentration GPA of 2.75 or above, second teaching field GPA of 2.50 or above (for secondary candidates).

Admission to Student Teaching: Formal application made one year in advance, continued overall GPA of 2.50 or above, education GPA of 2.75 or above, major or area of concentration GPA of 2.75 or above, second teaching field GPA of 2.50 or above (secondary candidates); positive recommendations from major or area of concentration advisor, education advisor, Dean of Student Development and supervisors of pre-student clinical experiences; approval of the Teacher Education Screening Committee, and successful completion of Professional Terms A, B, and C in the education sequence and passed the content area test.

Accreditation:

North Park University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. All of the university's teacher preparation programs are approved by the Illinois State Board of Education.

CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

Teacher Education Vision:

The School of Education at North Park University seeks to prepare teacher candidates who are competent, respectful, reflective professionals committed to serving diverse communities.

Best Practices:

- Professional Terms A, B, C, and D are each accompanied by a field experience with multiple supervision by NPU professionals.
- Initial field experiences seek to engage the candidate as an active contributor in the classroom rather than a passive observer.
- Student teaching is preceded by a mini-teaching experience in which candidates teach the same class consecutively for a seven-week period.
- All secondary candidates major in an arts or science discipline and complete coursework in a second teaching field.
- All graduate elementary and early childhood candidates complete a 28 or two 18 semester hour concentration(s) in an arts or science discipline in addition to education coursework, undergraduate candidates complete an 18 semester hour concentration.
- Field experiences are required in a city, suburban, and private school.

Notable Features and Accomplishments:

- Full-time School of Education faculty includes a professor who was previously recognized as "Teachers of the Year" at the district or college level.
- Adjunct faculty includes a past President of the Chicago Area Writing Program.
- Most of teaching faculty are current or former teachers in P-12 education.
- 100% of full-time School of Education teaching faculty hold a doctorate.
- 100% of School of Education adjunct faculty hold one or more masters degrees.
- North Park is consistently ranked as one of "America's Best" Midwestern regional liberal arts colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*.
- Faculty of the School of Education is diverse, representing India, Greece, Puerto Rico, Native Americans as well as white European descent.

**Program Information for North Park University
2003-2004**

S.1 Total number of students admitted into teacher preparation, all specializations, in academic year 2003-2004	88
S.2 Number of students in supervised student teaching in academic year 2003-2004	82
S.3 Number of faculty members who supervised student teachers:	
➤ S.3A Full-time faculty in professional education	7
➤ S.3B Part-time faculty in professional education but full-time in the institution	5
➤ S.3C Part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution	3
S.4 Total faculty student teaching supervisors	15
S.5 Student teacher/faculty ratio (Divide total given in S.2 by the number given in S.4)	5:1
S.6A The average number of student teaching hours per week	35
S.6B The total number of weeks of supervised student teaching required	12
S.7 Average total number of hours required	420