



The Department of Education

Hood College develops exceptional teachers who have a strong foundation in content, theories of teaching and learning, and teaching methods. Our education programs are grounded in the sciences and liberal arts. Programs include elementary education/ special education, early childhood education, and secondary education. The small class sizes provide an opportunity to build strong relationships with professors, develop a sense of community with other education students, and make connections between course content and actual preK- through 12th grade classrooms.

Our faculty are active in national professional organizations and in local schools as supervisors of teacher candidates. Faculty also serve as consultants for a variety of organizations and conduct research across multiple disciplines, including mathematics, science, literacy, and special education. Our full-time faculty all have doctoral degrees, considerable experience in the field of education, and content-area expertise.

Teacher candidates develop and teach lessons, assess student growth, and differentiate instruction to meet student needs. As a capstone project, they create an exit folio to showcase their learning and accomplishments. The exit folio is a tool that teacher candidates can then use in job interviews after graduation.

Majors, Minors, Concentrations and Certificates

- Early Childhood Education Major (B.A.)
- Elementary/Special Education Major (B.A.)
- Mathematics Education Minor
- Secondary Education Certification
- Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification in Early Childhood Education, Elementary/Special Education, and Secondary Education



Beyond the Classroom

Hood College maintains a Professional Development Schools (PDS) Partnership with Frederick County Public Schools. This collaborative partnership supports the clinical preparation of interns and the continuous professional development of both public school educators and Hood faculty. The focus of the PDS partnership is to improve preK through 12th grade student performance through research-based teaching and learning. All students in the education programs engage in PDS learning experiences from the very first education course they take at Hood. Through these rich experiences, teacher candidates develop professional relationships with their students, mentor teachers, and school administrators in a range of diverse school settings.

Classroom concepts are reinforced through practical training at Hood's accredited Onica Prall Child Development Laboratory School. This highly-regarded, on-campus preschool is a valuable resource that most colleges and universities do not have, providing opportunities to observe and teach 3-and 4-year-old children while working under the mentorship of experienced teacher mentors.

All Hood College education programs are approved by the Maryland State Department of Education, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and meet the Title II requirements of the Higher Education Act. In addition, all programs are based conceptually on the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards and adhere to the national standards for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).





About Hood

Founded in 1893 in Frederick, Maryland, Hood College is a coeducational, independent, liberal arts college, which offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and post-baccalaureate certificates. Home to approximately 1,200 undergraduate students from 25 states and 15 countries, Hood offers 32 majors, 50 minors, and pre-professional preparation in medicine, veterinary science, pharmacy, dentistry and law. Hood students experience small class sizes, where they receive individual attention from supportive faculty. With its proximity to Washington, D.C., Baltimore and the I-270 biotech corridor, Hood gives its students access to countless internships and research opportunities.

At Hood, we are challenging students to improve their critical thinking, communication and collaborative skills and preparing them not just for their first jobs, but for their careers. For high-achieving students, we offer a four-year honors program with a living and learning setting expanding the curriculum with an emphasis on interdisciplinary education through discussion-based seminars, collaborative projects and experiential learning opportunities. Eighty-five percent of first-year students live on campus; more than 40 campus clubs and organizations as well as 22 NCAA Division III athletic teams and two club-level athletic teams create an active and vibrant campus environment.

Hood, in addition to its exceptional undergraduate programs, also offers 19 master's degrees, 10 certificate programs and two doctoral programs. Our graduate programs are designed to work in tandem with our bachelor's degrees so that students can take advantage of five-year, dual-degree programs. Hood is located in a fantastic college town; students are within walking distance of shops, galleries and restaurants and a vibrant downtown. A tremendous alumni network offers students and graduates mentoring, connections, guidance and advice. The Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report and many other publications have recognized Hood as an affordable top-tier institution.

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