



Letter from the Dean

Dear future Griz,

I am delighted to introduce you to the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education at the University of Montana. We are incredibly proud of the work that goes on in our beautiful building and the education we provide to students just like you.

The PJW College of Education has a long history of providing premiere, hands-on learning experiences to our students, giving them skills they will need today and tomorrow.

You will learn from world-class, nationally recognized faculty in the classroom and from highly qualified teachers in the field. You will work closely with your professional academic advisor, who will help lay a clear path for you to achieve your educational and career goals. And you will connect with a faculty mentor who will support you in conducting research to analyze and improve your classroom practice.

Our alumni tell us that what they learned in our college has allowed them to achieve their goals and, in many cases, surpass them.

Because we have designed our curriculum for an ever-changing world, our graduates are ready for whatever comes their way.

In our program, you will develop grit and perseverance. From here, you will be able to move with confidence and resilience into a career that will look different in a year, five years and 10 years.

You can learn more about our programs at coehs.umt.edu. Or, better yet, call to set up a visit to our college. We would love to show you our state-of-the-art building and introduce you to some difference-makers in the PJW College of Education. Our phone number is 406-243-0211, and our email address is pjwcehs@mso.umt.edu.

We look forward to meeting you and learning more about you.

Sincerely,

Andrea Lawrence
Dean and Professor



Student success is at the center of all we do

When you choose to pursue a career in education at the University of Montana, you gain access to a whole team of supporters whose sole focus is your success.

Your College of Education network includes:

- An academic advisor – your go-to for questions, support and advice. No question is too big or too small.
- Faculty whose content knowledge and pedagogy are shaped by years of experience teaching children and youth, providing leadership in P-12 schools and higher education programs, and serving as counselors in schools and community settings.
- A faculty mentor who'll guide you toward your academic and professional goals.
- Clinical opportunities where you'll hone your skills and expand your capacity to change lives.

Our faculty and staff are experienced professionals across the fields of teaching, leadership and counseling. We've been there, and we are here for you!

Outside the College of Education lies a whole other layer of your student support team. Need help staying on track to graduate on time? Stop by the Office for Student Success to sign up for tutoring or learn more about our Four Bear program. Got your eye on a specific scholarship or internship? Our staff in Experiential Learning and Career Success are ready to help you fine-tune your resume and hone your interviewing skills. Eager to connect with fellow Grizzlies? Join one of more than 200 student groups that span academic, spiritual, political, service and special interest areas.

Calling UM your home over the coming years will be a fulfilling experience unlike anything you could imagine. You'll have the opportunity to live, learn and grow on our breathtaking campus surrounded by an inclusive and supportive community. You'll take classes that challenge you and make friends that will last a lifetime. With support, guidance and mentoring we will help you achieve your goals at UM and beyond.



Grizzlies up close – meet Kelsey!

Kelsey Noble's introduction to UM came as a high school student when she came to campus for a two-week honors retreat sponsored by the Davidson Honors College. The Fresno, California, native fell in love with the campus and Missoula, which made her decision to enroll at UM easy.

Now a senior studying elementary education, Noble has gone on to participate in the Davidson Honors College program and the Franke Global Leadership Initiative.

The Davidson Honors College is open to all students of any majors and provides special opportunities to enhance learning and leadership skills. The Franke GLI is a four-year, 12-credit certificate program that provides students access to world-class leaders and provides opportunities to explore society's biggest challenges.

Next up, Noble plans to put her studies to the test, student teaching either in Greece or in Missoula. She enjoys working at all grade levels in elementary school but has a fondness for the first grade.

During her time at UM, Noble has been active in Emmaus Campus Ministry. When she's not focused on her studies she enjoys hiking, backpacking and slacklining on the Oval.



"I really feel supported by my advisors and the faculty. They have a lot of wisdom in the education profession, and if I have any questions, they are always there to help me." – Kelsey Noble



Programs of study

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

As an elementary education teacher, you will play a powerful role in the learning experiences of young people, one that sets a foundation for their future success. Students preparing to teach kindergarten through eighth grade complete a major in Elementary Education. Our undergraduate elementary education program blends content, general education and professional licensure coursework that integrates with real-world teaching experiences.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Our early childhood education programs prepare you to meet the growing demand for highly qualified early childhood teachers in public schools (preschool through third grade), Head Start and community-based early childhood programs. Learn to support the optimal development of young children, which leads to tangible benefits, including fewer referrals to special education and higher rates of high school completion.

SECONDARY EDUCATION – MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL (MAJOR IN CONTENT AREA)

Middle and high school teachers profoundly influence students' lives, fostering interests in their subjects, guiding academic and career aspirations, and modeling leadership. You'll earn your license in secondary education through the Teacher Education Program while you major in the subject(s) you want to teach. Through our innovative curriculum models and extensive clinical experience, you'll become a formative, highly employable educator.

MINORS AND ENDORSEMENTS

SPECIAL EDUCATION

LITERACY

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

TEACHER LIBRARIAN

SECONDARY (5-12 AND K-12) SUBJECT AREAS

GRADUATE DEGREES

COUNSELING

- M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- M.A. in School Counseling
- Ed.S. in Counseling
- Ed.D. in Counselor Education
- Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Counseling

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- M.Ed., Ed.S., Ph.D. in Educational Leadership

TEACHING AND LEARNING

- M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning
 - Early Childhood Education
 - General Curriculum Studies
 - Initial Elementary or Secondary Educator Licensure
 - Special Education
 - Teacher Librarian
- M.A. in Education
- Ed.D. in Teaching and Learning

CERTIFICATES

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

GIFTED EDUCATION

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP

SUPERINTENDENT LEADERSHIP



WORK AND LEAD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.
A solid mix of knowledge, skills and experience will prepare you to change lives in your practice, your school, your community and beyond.



AMPLIFY YOUR EMPLOYABILITY AND IMPACT.
Additional coursework and classroom experience qualify you in specialized fields such as literacy, special education or teacher librarian.



LAB PRESCHOOL, nationally accredited and onsite, provides practicum and research opportunities with our youngest learners.

COHORT = COMMUNITY
You and your peers will learn from and with each other, developing connections that will last a lifetime.



THREE HOURS FROM Glacier National Park and four hours from Yellowstone National Park.

A PLACE TO CALL HOME
The Phyllis J. Washington College of Education features state-of-the-art classrooms, cozy study spaces, a beautiful atrium and courtyard, and an all-important coffee shop.

\$30,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS awarded to CoE students annually.

YOU BELONG HERE!
We are big enough to provide opportunity, and small enough to create connections.

FIVE MOUNTAIN RANGES converge around the Missoula Valley.

UM IS A TOP PRODUCER OF UDALL SCHOLARS, with 43 students earning the honor since 1992.

LOCAL SKI HILL just 25 minutes from campus.



EXPAND PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS.
Advanced degrees prepare you to change lives as a school counselor, principal or superintendent.

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT:
The Clark Fork River borders campus and flows through the middle of Missoula.

The numbers don't lie ...



Phyllis J. Washington College of Education
at the University of Montana

Hear more from us!

Come visit the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education. Spend a day with us. Sit in on one of our classes. Meet our faculty and our students. See what a tomorrow-proof education is all about at the University of Montana.

Sign up for a tour today at: admissions.umt.edu/visit

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