As the first teacher-training institution in Maryland, Towson University has a distinguished history in the preparation of classroom teachers, educational specialists, and school leaders. Several graduate programs in the College of Education lead to initial or advanced certification in teaching, school administration, gifted and creative education, reading specialist, and school library media specialist. Master's degree programs in early childhood education, elementary education, special education, and secondary education offer advanced training for professionals. Doctoral and master's degrees are offered in the area of instructional technology and design for educators as well as individuals in other professional fields. The College also offers several post-baccalaureate certificates in areas such as special education, online learning and teaching, English language learners, and community engagement. Programs of study within the College of Education engage in continuous improvement to provide students at all levels with a professional education based on the most current research models of best practice and the needs of the larger professional community.

Faculty members in the College of Education actively participate in the academic community as teachers, scholars, and advisers. They are dedicated to preparing innovative and socially just professionals who advocate on behalf of children, families, and the profession.

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**Doctoral Degree Program**
- Instructional Technology

**Certificate of Advanced Study (Post-Master’s)**
- Organizational Change (See Interdisciplinary Programs section)

**Master’s Degree Programs**
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Gifted and Creative Education
- Instructional Technology
- Reading Education
- Secondary Education
- Special Education
- Teaching
- Transformational Educational Leadership

**Post-Baccalaureate Certificate**
- Action Research for School Improvement
- Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Classroom
- Community Engagement and Leading School Change
- Educational Administrator I
- Educational Technology
- Foundations of Special Education
- Global Citizenship in Education
- Instructional Design and Development
- Online Learning and Teaching
- School Library Media
- Teaching English Learners