Educator Preparation programs at Maryville College

Maryville College has a long and proud tradition of preparing educators who demonstrate and promote excellence in teaching and learning. If you are considering a professional career in teaching at the middle- and high-school level, we offer 11 majors in which you can develop expertise for teacher licensure. Our program will prepare you for the demands of the 21st-century classroom through extensive field-based experiences, essential coursework in the teaching area supported by professional education courses, and project-based learning designed in partnership with local school administrators and teachers.

Educator prep programs recognized nationally

In 2017, the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) ranked Maryville College’s educator preparation programs among the top 10 percent in the nation. MC scored especially high in the areas of admissions standards and secondary content in the natural sciences and social sciences.

MEET A STUDENT

Ryan Lay ’20
Hometown: Maryville, Tenn.

Ryan was attracted to Maryville College because of its strong mathematics major and educator preparation program (EPP). He was even more encouraged to enroll when he learned the EPP was nationally recognized. He hopes to teach math at the middle- or high-school level while coaching cross country and track.

“The College does a wonderful job of giving me a strong background in my content area and in educational pedagogy. What makes this program special is the real-life and hands-on approach given to the profession, thoroughly equipping students to teach, manage and design a classroom,” he said. “The College’s focus on developing well-rounded individuals will allow me to connect with all backgrounds and reach the most students.”

MEET A GRADUATE

Heather Lowery ’12
Currently: ESL Teacher with Alcoa City Schools

Loving language and diversity, Heather considers her career path a calling and not just a profession. After completing her B.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) for Teacher Licensure, she earned a master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction and is now working on a Ph.D. in Education. She is in her seventh year of teaching ESL, those years spent in grade levels kindergarten through college.

“With professors such as Dr. [Becky] Lucas and Dr. [Alesia] Orren, I was able to choose TESL as my major and bring the wealth of knowledge that I gained from them and my cooperating teachers to the classroom,” she said. “Maryville College prepared me to be the best teacher that I can be.”

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