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 in the elementary grades, you will major in child development and learning for teacher licensure. Our curriculum will help you build a strong foundation in the theory and practice of child development, from conception through adolescence, and our educator preparation 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.

MEET A STUDENT

Michaela Buchanan ’20
Hometown: Maryville, Tenn.

Michaela decided to enroll at Maryville College because of the outstanding reputation of its educator preparation program. She plans to stay in Tennessee to teach and, because of some psychology courses she’s taken, is thinking seriously about third and fifth grades. Now in her senior year, she will student-teach at Sam Houston and Alcoa elementary schools and will complete her edTPA requirements and Praxis exams for teacher licensure. Next year, Michaela hopes to be teaching in her own classroom. “The fact that I have the chance to attend a school with such a great program is a dream come true,” she said.

MEET A GRADUATE

Heather Hendricks Byrd ’02
Currently: Assistant Principal at Eagleton Elementary in Maryville, Tenn.

Since leaving Maryville College, Heather’s career in education has taken several paths. From being an elementary school teacher to coaching teachers to serving as an assistant principal, Heather has been prepared for each role because of her experiences at Maryville College. “Maryville taught me the value of continuous professional improvement and learning,” she said. “The professors instilled in me the importance of being an informed educator to best serve my students and to seek opportunities that will grow me as an educator. Now, as an instructional leader, I strive to be an example of this mindset for my staff just as Maryville’s instructors were for me.”

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