

William Paterson University's College of Education serves as a major resource for educational practitioners and institutions by preparing students for entry into teaching and educationally-related professions; providing educators with additional and advanced professional preparation and continuing development in selected disciplines; and preparing students to participate effectively in a diverse society.

Candidates for teacher, leader, counselor, and other educator preparation benefit from William Paterson University's Professional Development School Network, a partnership between the College of Education and more than 40 local schools that enables the sharing of research, resources and innovative practices to optimize learning for all. Along with Professional Development Schools, William Paterson University has a model Child Development Center and Reading, Mathematics, and Professional Counseling Clinics, which provide additional opportunities for applied experiences for College of Education students and for service to the larger community

In addition to supporting teacher, leader, and professional counseling candidates, the New Jersey Center for Professional Development Schools, housed in the College of Education, supports the work of all universities and P-12 schools in New Jersey, which work collaboratively to improve teaching and learning. The Center annually hosts a conference, which brings together university and school partners to share their work and learn from each other's successes. The Heller Institute for Teaching, Learning and Leadership offers customized professional development, including topics of compelling interest to districts, such as uses of adaptive technologies.

The College has received competitive grant awards to support the preparation and professional development of educators for urban districts. These include: selection as hosts for Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellowships to prepare mathematics and science teachers for high need schools; a USDOE \$3.2 million dollar award to prepare and support school leaders in Paterson; and a USDOE award to support certifications in bilingual and ESL education for teacher candidates and teachers in Passaic and Paterson. In addition to these awards, William Paterson University has received for a number of years support from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation to support integrated mathematics, science and art education in urban schools. All of these awards attest to the University's commitment to the improvement of urban education.

William Paterson College of Education graduates are employed throughout New Jersey and across the country. Most of our graduates complete their study prepared for multiple certifications including, special education, ESL and bilingual education. Our graduates regularly receive accolades and awards for their teaching and leadership skills.

Our Fulbright faculty scholars have provided multiple opportunities for our students to gain global perspectives on education.