The Thiel College education program emphasizes early exposure to all facets of classroom instruction. Our curriculum is based on highly regarded research about effective teaching, and our education faculty works together to help students sequence through their courses and integrate their learning to produce highly qualified, highly prepared and highly employable teachers.

Curriculum Highlights
Students can major in early childhood/special education or in one of the following disciplines with secondary education certification: biology, chemistry, English, history, mathematics or physics. Each teacher candidate will work within a preschool, elementary, special education or secondary classroom in one of the local school districts or preschool partners as part of the 190 field experience hours required prior to student teaching.

Special Features
By studying education at Thiel College, you’ll be able to:
• Be a part of small classes—you’ll really get to know the education faculty and in return the faculty will take special interest in you and your career goals.
• Enjoy unique support services—education faculty members are available to students when they need it. They expect success from you and help you deliver!
• Gain practical experience—you will have many hours of field experiences in school districts where Thiel has personal connections and maintains quality control. You will start these hours early in your program of study. We will place you in field experiences and monitor those experiences through weekly field reports from cooperating teachers.
• Demonstrate your success—you will produce an e-portfolio and a binder portfolio to assist you in finding a job.
• Study with qualified professors with real-world experience—our professors are highly trained and certified and have many years of experience as teachers, principals and administrators.

Career Outlook
Teach! Our students have tremendous success in finding teaching placements locally, regionally and nationally.

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The reasons that I chose Thiel College are the small class sizes, the friendly faculty and a positive overall environment of the campus. Other colleges say that they have a great faculty-to-student ratio, but that includes the entire faculty. Thiel has small class sizes, which means the classes you take won’t be in big lecture halls, sitting back in the 142nd row. At Thiel, you are a name, not a number. All the professors in the Education Department have real world experiences—they have taught in early childhood, elementary and high school settings—so they have actual examples of situations, not just hypothetical textbook examples. Thiel College is a great place to study and further yourself as a professional and as a person.”

Nicholas Jones ‘15,
Franklin, Pa.
Major: Early Childhood Education/Special Education
Clubs and Activities: track & Field, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Lambda Sigma (sophomore service honorary) and Kappa Delta Pi (education honorary)

“Thiel honestly brought out the best qualities in me. I truly believe I became the best version of me during the four years I spent there. I owe a lot of who I am and where I am today to Thiel, specifically the Education Department. Thiel challenged me, prepared me for the working world, gave me the resources and opportunities to be successful, and gave me some of the most cherished memories I have made in my life. I also left Thiel feeling equipped and prepared to pursue a master’s degree and further my education in my field, which I did in 2009 from Duquesne University. Choose Thiel if you want a school that cares about you and your future. If you want to be noticed, appreciated, held accountable for your education, challenged and given the opportunities to succeed, Thiel might be the right place for you.”

Caitlin McKenna Degnan ‘04,
high school Spanish teacher
Canonsburg, Pa.
Majors: Spanish, Secondary Education, Elementary Education
Clubs & Activities: Alpha Xi Delta sorority, Alpha Chi academic honorary, Lambda Sigma (sophomore service honorary), Alpha Mu Gamma (foreign language honorary)

“The professors (especially in the Education Department) were the perfect models of what an exceptional educator should be. My professors not only guided me and treated me as though I was equal to them, but also held high expectations for myself. As a whole, they have taught me to be flexible and always adapt to change, be confident when taking on responsibilities, be professional, always be on time and to never forget the impact that I am making in a child’s life! At Thiel you will receive a quality education and quality preparation for your career. Be prepared to work hard and learn a great deal along the way.”

Tessa Simmons ‘09,
kindergarten teacher
West Middlesex Area School District
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Major: Elementary Education (k-6)
Minor: Fine Art
Clubs and Activities: Honors Program

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