Academic Unit Highlight

College of Education and Public Policy

The College of Education and Public Policy (CEPP) engages its vision of Do Public Good with a reach greater than you might expect. Its programs prepare the next generation of educators and leaders who work in schools, health care facilities, public and government agencies, the criminal justice system, and many other professions that serve and care for our communities.

Interim Dean James Burg states, "Preparing students to serve diverse populations in the context of swiftly changing policy is a critical theme in the college. Through mentoring by our award-winning faculty and programs and engaging their professions in numerous field experiences, our graduates are ready to make an impact in their communities."

CEPP programs are recognized for their excellence. Last year the Counselor Education Program won a national award for innovation, and in October its teacher preparation programs received high praise during a national accreditation visit. Members of the faculty engage students in research—this past May a graduate student in the Department of Public Policy won the top award for graduate student research at IPFW, and in November a counselor education student received the top Indiana School Counseling Association scholarship.

Central to Do Public Good is a collaboration with community partners to provide mentorship and authentic learning experiences for our students. Undergraduate education candidates average 200–300 contact hours while actively engaged with P–12 students, prior to a semester of full-time student teaching. Public policy students have one or more internships during their junior and senior years. The counseling program is the only program in the region that operates a free community mental health clinic, enabling faculty to closely mentor counseling students for a year—prior to yet another year of internship in the community. Our presence is here, from the classroom to the community.

Earning an Indiana University degree means CEPP graduates complete a rigorous academic and experiential curriculum of study. Employer surveys indicate our graduates are well-prepared for their professional careers and are highly successful in the workplace. CEPP graduates are in leadership positions as judges, superintendents, and principals, and are CEOs of science, community, and healthcare organizations. While our alumni primarily apply their skills in our region, you can also find them making an impact across the United States and the all over the world.