

IOWA TEACHER SHORTAGE AREAS

The Iowa teacher shortage areas are designated annually by the Iowa Department of Education. The following teacher shortage areas have been designated since 2001.

PK-6 & 7-12	Special Education
PK-6 & 7-12	Principal
K-6 & 7-12	Media Specialist
K-6 & 7-12	Counselor
7-12	Agriculture
7-12	Family & Consumer Science
7-12	Foreign Language
K-6 & 7-12	Music
K-12	Talented/Gifted
7-12	Science (all)
7-12	Industrial Tech
7-12	Mathematics
K-12	English as a Second Language



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Mason City
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Teacher Education



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Plan Your Future

Mason City High School, in partnership with North Iowa Area Community College, offers the Teacher Academy to provide opportunities for students interested in pursuing the field of education. While taking courses through the Academy, students will earn college credit and high school credit at no cost to them.



THIS ALLOWS THE STUDENTS TO BEGIN THEIR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS NOW.

The Academy also allows the students to observe and participate in various classrooms early on in their coursework in order to see how theories learned in college courses are relevant to real-life situations.

Sign up for these college classes to learn, grow, explore, and build for your future.

Teacher Education Courses

Introduction to Teaching

An introductory course in teacher education that gives students a clear view of the skills and knowledge they will need to be successful professionals. The course covers the place of the school in the community, basic philosophy including foundations and the future, the organization and administration of schools, and the nature of the curriculum.

Field Experience and Seminar

The Introduction to Teaching field experience provides purposeful classroom observations for pre-service teachers. Students will reflect on the ways schools function, identify the roles and responsibilities of teachers, and observe student behavior. Evaluation is pass/no pass.

Educational Media & Classroom Computing Techniques

This class is about the production and use of instructional media/computer technology and their relationship to educational strategies.

Optional Additional Courses

Developmental Psychology
Introduction to Psychology
Composition and Speech I & II
Beginning Web Page Development

NOTE: Teacher Education classes are reserved for MCHS seniors with a 2.5 GPA or higher.

How Much Do Teachers Earn?

IOWA CAREER OUTLOOK

Beginning Teacher Salary \$28,157

Average Teacher Salary \$40,877

Source: National Education Association website: April 2006 www.nea.org/student-program/about/state.html

FRINGE BENEFITS

Retirement plans
Health care
Sick leave

“Job opportunities for teachers over the next 10 years will vary from good to excellent, depending on the locality, grade level, and subject taught. Most job openings will be attributable to the expected retirement of a large number of teachers.”

Source: U.S. Department of Labor,
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