PREPARING TO TEACH ABROAD, CERTIFICATE

The Certificate in Preparing to Teach Abroad is a great opportunity for undergraduate students interested in teaching abroad to learn the basic principles of culturally responsive lesson design, teaching techniques, and strategies of reflection and modification. Students will consider the complexities involved in entering beyond U.S. pedagogical settings, including power-knowledge relations in different sociocultural and political contexts while gaining confidence in leading group instruction.

The program offers all interested undergraduates the opportunity to practice teaching in different community-based learning settings and focus on young and more mature populations, different subject areas, and/or specific regions.

The program includes three required courses, CURRIC 418 Preparing to Teach Abroad, CURRIC 366 Internationalizing Educational Knowledge, and CURRIC 419 Preparing to Teach Abroad Capstone, and two electives that can be chosen from a range of 50 electives across different departments. Students will also have advisors from different departments assigned to them to help them along the way. The diversity of instructors and advisors reflects the topic and themes of the program.

The certificate is for all domestic and international undergraduate students who are interested in developing skills in analyzing cultural contexts, planning instruction, designing curriculum, and teaching content in professional communities beyond U.S. locations. While you will not earn a teaching license, completing this certificate will make you more competitive for future employment abroad and strengthen applications for Fulbright ETA, Peace Corps, International Internships, and study abroad programs.

The certificate is also a gateway for post-undergraduate study opportunities in the discipline of education. Its content is not restricted by state-based teacher education requirements and thus assists in preparation for graduate programs and teaching assistantships in the educational field more broadly.