FOR A BETTER WORLD

FOCUS ON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS
The College of Education and Social Sciences at Lewis University is wholly committed to developing highly skilled and dedicated professionals in the field of education. Our Lasallian heritage compels us to believe in delivering high quality education for all with an emphasis on vulnerable and marginalized populations. Our programs are designed for vital community partnerships. We work with school districts, social service agencies, Catholic schools, and with other academic colleges at Lewis University to offer programs that directly respond to the needs of the communities we serve.

We are extremely proud of the work we do in the College of Education and Social Sciences. Our faculty are excellent scholars and teachers. Not only do we prepare high quality teachers and administrators, we also educate school counselors and school social workers. Beyond this, we work with other academic program areas at Lewis University in preparing school nurses, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, cyber security specialists, and other professionals who work in schools.

In order to reduce barriers to obtaining a degree or certification, we commit valuable resources and time to continually increase the amount of scholarship funding we have available. We have received more than $2.5 million from grants and donors to assist students pursuing degrees and certifications over the past three years. We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish with regard to helping students with tuition expenses.

If you are considering taking the next step in your career in the most rewarding of professions, if you are passionate about working with young people and helping them grow, and if you are committed to justice and making a positive impact on the world, we hope you’ll join us in the College of Education and Social Sciences to pursue a degree or additional certification.

All the best,

Kip Kline, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Education and Social Sciences
Lewis University
Mission Statement

Lewis University, guided by its Catholic and Lasallian heritage, provides to a diverse student population programs for a liberal and professional education grounded in the interaction of knowledge and fidelity in the search for truth.

Lewis promotes the development of the complete person through the pursuit of wisdom and justice. Fundamental to its Mission is a spirit of association which fosters community in all teaching, learning and service.
Focus on Partnerships

Lewis University’s Mission value of Association directs us to purposefully engage in cooperative partnerships with a variety of organizations. In this way we hope to form mutually beneficial relationships which demonstrate our commitment to serve our communities and empower us to impact our ever-changing world for the better.

**PARTNERSHIP EXAMPLES**

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

We view professional development as a commitment to continual, life-long learning that begins before graduation and continues across the careers of our graduates. Educator candidates and faculty work with professional organizations and in the community on varied service and professional development projects.

Recent partnerships:
- Disability Resource Center, drcjoliet.org/
- Will County Reading Council, illinoisreadingcouncil.org/will-county
- The Community Foundation of Will County, willcountycf.org

**CENTER FOR COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (CCRE)**

The Center for Community Research and Education supports partnerships between Lewis University and local organizations to develop research and educational programming that meets the social and educational needs of the community.

During the first year, the Center partnered with several community organizations, such as the Spanish Community Center, Family Bridges, After the Peanut, Valley View Public Schools and District 86 Public Schools.

Research Examples include:
- research on trauma-infused education practices (District 86)
- the impact of quality after-school programming (Valley View Schools)

Educational Programming Examples include:
- the Multicultural Leadership Academy of Will County
- After the Peanut’s STEAM camp for children ages 9-17
- parent training for families in Joliet’s District 86 in the areas of social and emotional support for students
- summer professional development seminars

**DISTRICT AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP TUITION DISCOUNTS**

Lewis is pleased to work with more than 60 schools and districts to provide discounts on tuition. Partners include those in the private sector, not-for-profit institutions, and government.

To view a complete list of discounts for partners visit lewisu.edu/partnership

**CLINICAL PLACEMENT PARTNERS**

Students are placed in varying discipline-specific educational settings to gain experience. Placements are secured by Lewis Clinical Coordinators.

In all, Lewis has 170 school partnerships and field work placement partners.

Have ideas for other partnership opportunities? Contact us (815) 836-5610 or grad@lewisu.edu.
Lasallian education continues the work of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, a 17th century French priest and founder of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, a Catholic religious institute of men dedicated exclusively to education.

In the spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the Patron Saint of Educators, we believe in educating both the mind and spirit. De La Salle was known for his innovative teaching methods and creation of schools that focused on students’ needs and teaching approaches that worked best. His commitment to social justice was born out of a devotion to provide a practical education for all, so that every person can make a difference in society.

The Institute promotes and prepares the next generation of educators and administrators to lead Catholic and Lasallian schools in their work to transform lives, educate all and instill Christian and Gospel values in those entrusted to their care.

By focusing on the following areas of service, the Institute offers assistance and programs to advance Pre-K through 12th grade education:

- Annual Lasallian Colloquium
- Leadership Development
- Teacher Preparation
- Professional Development
- Outreach and Consulting
- Grants and Research
- Lasallian Formation

Carol Burlinski received the Bishop Kaffer Award from Lewis University when a Mass was celebrated in her honor at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale. Lewis representatives include Dr. David Livingston, president; Dr. Christopher Sindt, provost; Dr. Christopher Kline, dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences; and Dr. Jennifer Buss, director, Institute for the Advancement of Catholic and Lasallian Education.
LEARN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR COMMUNITIES.

Students and faculty – united by a common vision and shared dedication - work together to transform the classroom, our school systems and the communities around us. Faculty and advisors will work with you to develop a plan that helps you to meet your professional goals.

Educators at all levels are in huge demand in Illinois, according to the latest study published by the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, as well as current Illinois State Board of Education data on open positions for licensed, highly-skilled teachers and administrators.

Why Lewis?
Lewis is especially good at preparing graduates who support the learning and development of our youth. We currently have 400 graduate students who are enrolled in education, school counseling, social work and our school nurse programs, all of which are nationally accredited.

To discuss partnerships or any of our academic programs, please contact:
Office of Graduate Admission, (815) 836-5610 or grad@lewisu.edu

EDUCATION
If you are preparing to become a teacher, we offer these programs:
• Early Childhood Education (Birth-2nd Grade)
• Elementary Education (Grades 1-6)
• Secondary Education (Middle, High School, Foreign Language)
• Special Education (K-Age 22)

Additional graduate programs and endorsements:
• Reading and Literacy, Reading Specialist
• Bilingual/ELL
• Literacy and ELL
• Ed Leadership
• Principal Preparation (online)
• Teacher Leadership
• LBS1

HEALTH SCIENCES
• School Nurse
• Speech-Language Pathology
• Communication Sciences and Disorders
• Occupational Therapy
• Exercise Science with Athletic Coaching minor

SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES
• Clinical Mental Health Counseling
• Social Work
• School Counseling
• STEM Sciences

TECHNOLOGY
• Instructional Technology
• Computer Science
• Cybersecurity
• Data Science

lewisu.edu/apply
Lewis is committed to making your education affordable through federal and state awards, as well as privately funded endowed scholarships. We have many. Below is just a sample of what is available for undergraduate or graduate students.

**TEACH GRANT**

The U.S. Department of Education’s TEACH Grant Program provides grant funds to postsecondary students who are completing or plan to complete coursework that is needed to begin a career in teaching. In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students. As a recipient of a TEACH Grant, you must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant.

**GATEWAYS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Gateways Scholarship Program will pay a portion of tuition for eligible professionals working in early care and education or school-age programs who want to earn college credit, credentials, or degrees. The courses you take need to be in early childhood education (ECE) or child development (CD). You can be enrolled in an associate, bachelor’s, or master’s degree program or taking classes toward a certificate, endorsement, or credential.

**HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) is the nation’s leading organization supporting Hispanic higher education. HSF was founded in 1975 with a vision to strengthen the country by advancing college education among Hispanic Americans—the largest minority segment of the U.S. population. In support of its mission to double the rate of Hispanics earning college degrees, HSF provides the Latino community more college scholarships and educational outreach support than any other organization in the country. [Lewis.edu/Studentservices/multicultural/scholarships.htm](http://lewis.edu/Studentservices/multicultural/scholarships.htm)

**GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS**

The Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program is a teacher preparation and tuition assistance program for high school seniors and freshman and sophomore Illinois college students who have the determination and drive to be highly effective teachers in Illinois schools-of-need. We prepare aspiring teachers for immediate and lasting success in the most challenging teaching environments.

**MINORITY TEACHERS OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship is for individuals of African American/Black, Hispanic American, Asian American, Native American origin or qualified bilingual minority candidates who are admitted or enrolled in a preschool, elementary or secondary school teacher course of study.

**DR. EDWARD T. RANCIC ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Dr. Edward T. Rancic Endowed Scholarship was established in honor of the late Dr. Rancic who had a distinguished career as a teacher, administrator, superintendent and college faculty member. The scholarship assists students who are furthering their careers by earning advanced degrees and certification.

**OTHER RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- On-site Cohort Education
- Joint Grant Applications
- Student Placements
- Career Opportunities for Graduates
- Collaborative Institutes
- Mission-Based Partnerships
- Community Education
- Discipline-specific Scholarships

To learn more, visit [lewis.edu/academics/doe/resource.htm](http://lewis.edu/academics/doe/resource.htm)
LEWIS AT A GLANCE

6,500 TOTAL STUDENTS

410 ACRE ARBORETUM CAMPUS

13:1 STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO

A DYNAMIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Located 35 miles southwest of Chicago, Lewis University is a comprehensive, Catholic university, where the traditions of liberal learning, values and preparation for professional work come together with a synergy that gives the university its educational identity and focus. Lewis is one of 60 universities worldwide, sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, an international Roman Catholic teaching order.

A SAFE AND WELCOMING CAMPUS

The Lewis main campus in Romeoville, Illinois, is a picturesque 410-acre setting which houses more than 1,000 students in 11 residence halls, all within walking distance of well-equipped classrooms, the library, the JFK Recreation and Fitness Center, the Brother James Gaffney FSC, Student Center, Sancta Alberta Chapel and the Lewis University Airport.

Campus resources are available to all students, whether residential, commuting, or other.

THE RIGHT SIZE

With 6,500 undergraduate and graduate students, Lewis University is the 8th largest private, not-for-profit university in Illinois. Lewis welcomes students of all cultures and religious faiths with a 40% percent minority population.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Founded in 1932, Lewis is a dynamic, coeducational university offering more than 80 undergraduate majors and programs of study, 37 graduate programs, and two doctoral programs. See if we have what you’re looking for. Programs are offered in traditional, online, and hybrid formats.

STUDENT LIFE

Enriched by a diverse population, Lewis offers an inviting community. With more than 100 clubs and organizations, and 23 intercollegiate NCAA Division II athletic teams, Lewis has something of interest for everyone. Activities include the theatre and performing arts, intramural sports, club sports and athletics, a nationally recognized scholars program, and peer ministry and volunteerism.