



Making Mississippi's Educators: Homegrown, Community-Driven

We prepare educators to teach where they're most needed—right here in Mississippi. Our graduates bring quality education back to their hometowns, creating lasting impacts in **rural schools**, **early learning centers**, and **collaborative classrooms**.



*** 86% of grads are teaching in MS schools**

*Of our last four years of education graduates, the majority are returning to their home community to teach.

*** Over 70% serving in rural schools**

Our grads are addressing critical education needs in our state's high-needs communities.

*** 96% of our ed students are transfers**

We're the vital link in preparing our state's excellent community college students for the classroom.

The W is one of two IHL Education Preparation Providers (EPP) to have received MDE recognition as **Mississippi Science of Reading Excellence Award Winners** for the 2024-2025 academic year.

The W's new **Masters of Education in Multiple Exceptionalities** is one of a handful of programs of its kind in the country and will contribute to better outcomes for students, increased teacher specializations and salaries, and evidence-based learning across special needs and gifted education cohorts.

One of the Nation's Oldest Early Childhood Lab Schools

Founded in 1929 as a hands-on learning program instilling best practices in childcare for educators and mothers, our program has changed names, but our core mission remains the same: connecting our community to the resources needed to thrive.

Early Childhood Experts

Our Early Childhood Development internship programs ensure that our students are meeting Mississippi's critical need for high-quality, science-backed early education in both public and private childcare settings.

Investing in Local Talent

Programs like our annual CHEER Conference for regional early educators, Teacher Academy, Camp Early Childhood, and more level-up professional skills and connect Mississippi educators to vital support systems.

