PREPARE TO CHANGE LIVES
Teachers change the world—one student at a time. If making a positive difference in the lives of young people appeals to you, consider a teaching career.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s Teacher Education Program (TEP) can prepare you to educate youths within a specific subject area at the high school level or in programs within the K-12 educational system.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE
You will get valuable, hands-on experience in diverse public school classroom settings. We partner with numerous Southern Illinois schools located within a 60-mile radius of Carbondale to assure you get ample training putting into practice what you’ve learned at SIU. We also work with school districts elsewhere in Illinois where our on-campus and suburban Chicago-based program students can obtain practical experience.

You will learn firsthand about teaching strategies, classroom organization and what is effective as you student teach in schools with economic, racial, cultural and linguistic differences. You will work collaboratively with mentor teachers, implementing and adapting what you’ve learned from our exceptional, experienced faculty. As you see for yourself how rewarding it can be to teach and make a difference in the lives of children.

You can also choose to participate in a yearlong student teaching internship.

THE NEED IS GREAT
According to a survey released in early 2016 by the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, there is a shortage of licensed educators in Illinois that is expected to get worse in coming years. Sixty percent of the state’s responding districts had difficulty filling all available teaching positions — and in some districts the lack of qualified teacher candidates is even greater.

NOW IS THE TIME
Find out more about our program online at ehs.siu.edu/tep or by calling 618/453-2354. Better yet: Come to campus and meet with us, and we can help you discover the road to a rewarding teaching career. Call or email TEP@siu.edu to set up an appointment.
We offer these programs to prepare you for the high school educator license:

- Agricultural education
- Science with designation in biology
- English education
- History education
- Mathematics education
- Social science education

We also offer numerous programs that prepare you to teach specific subject areas in K-12 programs:

- Art education
- Foreign languages
  -- French
  -- German
  -- Spanish
- Music (instrumental and vocal)
- Physical education

TRADITION OF EXCELLENCEx
SIU was founded as a teacher’s college in 1859, and we’ve been a leader in education ever since. Our TEP is fully accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education/Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, as well as by the Illinois State Board of Education. That attests to the high quality of our program, our faculty and our students.

DIVERSE POSSIBILITIES
You can choose the focus that most interests you for your teaching career. The College of Education and Human Services’ TEP program partners with SIU’s colleges of Science, Liberal Arts and Agricultural Sciences to offer a wide variety of teaching majors.