"As a principal with very high expectations of my staff, I have consistently been pleased with the quality of student teaching and student teachers are always well-prepared, willing to learn and grow, and often provide new ideas to my own teaching staff. Belmont's program attracts and trains promising young professionals who will be assets in the classroom immediately."  

Rick West  
Principal of Scales Elementary School

"The undergraduate education program at Belmont offers students a well-rounded combination of theory and practical classroom experience. The highly-credentialed and accessible professors provide a wealth of insight and encouragement. There is no better place for students to get the knowledge and tools they need to become reflective and highly motivated practitioners."

Crystal Gimesh  
Belmont Undergraduate Education Student

"The Education Department at Belmont is preparing me to think like a teacher. The program prepares us to work through any problem that may arise in the classroom, inspiring creativity and adaptability, the program has given us tools to impact student learning while maintaining engagement with students."

Jacob Madden  
Belmont Undergraduate Education Student

"I feel so well-prepared for my job! I understand the new trends in education and I am so grateful that I had a mentor to guide me through my first year teaching. Belmont has provided me with a great understanding of how teaching works."

Robyn Bradley  
Intern Graduate and Math Teacher  
Gallatin High School
After completing the core classes, undergraduates can choose from two routes to complete their program: (1) the undergraduate double major program or (2) the education minor with the 4+1 intern program.

Belmont offers licensure in preK-3, K-6, 4-8, 7-12 (content area), 9-12 (Sociology, Psychology), and K-12 (Art, Health/PE, Theatre, Music). Teacher candidates also have the opportunity to build a program that includes multiple licensure areas.

UNDERGRADUATE DOUBLE MAJOR
On this path, students complete a major in an academic content area (e.g., math, English, psychology) as well as an education major. Belmont teacher candidates achieve licensure in their chosen area, and their program culminates in a semester of student teaching in two different school placements.

THE 4+1 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
Many students opt to pursue our 4+1 program, the fastest path to achieving a Master of Art in Teaching degree. In this program, undergraduate students complete an academic major and the 18 hour education minor, returning to Belmont for the 5th year graduate intern program. As an intern, our students work in classrooms with a mentor teacher for a full year resulting in licensure and a Master of Art in Teaching degree. With the one year internship, our graduates are officially considered second year teachers when they enter the teaching profession, gaining a higher entry level salary.

THE EDUCATION MINOR
Some students are interested in education but do not want to teach. These students choose to complete the 18 hour minor only and do not pursue the 5th year internship. The education minor is perfect for students who do not want to teach but want a strong background in education. Some career options for an education minor include social work, counseling, law and nonprofit organizations.

BELMONT’S “ONE-YEAR GUARANTEE”
The Department of Education understands the challenges for a first year teacher. We believe excellent preparation and careful guidance and mentoring can make that first year a great one. To support our graduates as they transition from Belmont to the teaching profession, Belmont’s Department of Education offers a “one-year guarantee.” Education faculty will provide personal assistance as needed in middle Tennessee classrooms for our graduates in their first year of teaching.