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College of  
**Education**  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY



# WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education is broader than it may seem. We recently set out to examine our mission. While we prepare future educators and educational leaders, we also educate students pursuing degrees in the fields of kinesiology and psychological sciences as well as child and family studies.

As we reflected on the diversity of programs within the college and the careers that our graduates enter, we realized the common thread among our disciplines is service to the greater good. Every year our graduates join the workforce and serve their communities as teachers, principals, coaches, counselors, exercise scientists, early childhood educators and behavioral scientists. **Simply put, we are shaping tomorrow's difference makers.**

At Tarleton that means cultivating a student-centered approach, with degree programs built around academic, cultural and service experiences. Learning happens in the classroom and outside of it, and we strive to provide plenty of opportunities for both.

We invite you to learn with us. Together, let's build a generation of difference makers.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Kim Rynearson*

Dean of the College of Education



# BRIEF OVERVIEW

Tarleton's College of Education trains future professionals in kinesiology, education, the psychological sciences, and child and family studies.

Through innovative instruction, professors guide students to develop the knowledge, spirit, experience and confidence — the know-how — to become problem-solvers as educators, behavioral scientists, early childhood professionals, coaches and exercise scientists.

The college is home to three departments — Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Leadership and Technology, and Psychological Sciences — as well as Education Preparation Services and the School of Kinesiology comprised of the Department of Health and Human Performance and the Department of Sport Science.

More than 2,600 students are enrolled in the college, attending classes in Stephenville, Fort Worth, Waco, Midlothian and online.

## FACTS AT A GLANCE

In the past five years, the college has produced more than **1,200 EDUCATORS.**



Students can obtain a doctoral degree in educational leadership **IN JUST 3 YEARS**, including dissertation.



The program boasts a **91% COMPLETION RATE**, compared to the national average of 45-52%.



Each year students perform **55,000 HOURS** of community service.

Of the more than 100 programs of study available at Tarleton, **THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION** boasts three of the top five largest undergraduate majors.

**300 HOURS REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE** each kinesiology student receives prior to graduation.

**40+** Faculty-led kinesiology **RESEARCH PROJECTS** in 2019.

In the past 5 years, professors in the Department of Psychological Sciences have received **NEARLY \$2 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR RESEARCH**, and that number continues to climb.



# DEGREES

The College of Education offers a variety of degrees to meet the needs of its students.

Undergraduate options include bachelor's degrees in elementary education, secondary education, psychology, child and family studies, kinesiology, and sport management.

Graduate degrees are available in curriculum and instruction, applied psychology, athletic training, kinesiology and educational administration. Educational leadership was the university's first doctoral program. The college also offers certification programs for principals and superintendents.

## MAJORS AND CONCENTRATIONS

### Child and Family Studies +^

Child Life Education  
Family Life Education

### Education \*^

Early Childhood Education (EC-3 Teacher Certification)  
Elementary Education (EC Teacher Certification)  
Middle School (4-8 Teacher Certification)  
Secondary Education (7-12 Teacher Certification)  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Educational Diagnostician Certification  
Reading Specialist Certification

### Educational Administration #

Educational Technology Leadership  
Higher Education  
Principal Certification

### Educational Leadership ~

### Kinesiology \* ^

Athletic Training #  
Coaching, Athletic Administration and Recreation  
Exercise and Allied Health Professions

Exercise and Sport Studies  
Fitness, Athletic and Strength Training  
Kinesiology – Sport Administration  
Physical Education  
Physical Education-Teacher Education  
Sport Management

### Psychology ^

Educational Psychology  
General Psychology  
Pre-Clinical Psychology

### MINORS

Fitness  
Kinesiology  
Coaching  
Child Development and Family Studies  
Neuroscience  
Psychology

#### KEY

^ Graduate Programs Available  
# Graduate Program Only  
~ Doctoral Program Only  
+ Occupational Specialization  
Training Programs Available  
\* Teacher Certification Available  
> Associate Degree Only

# SIGNATURE EVENTS

Every year the College of Education celebrates educators who have made a positive impact in the lives of students at the **Crystal Apple Society celebration**. Since 2012 the society has raised thousands of dollars in scholarships for Tarleton students.

Sponsored by the Department of Psychological Sciences, the **Survivor Lecture Series** brings survivors to Tarleton to discuss their experiences. Past presenters have included a survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attack in New York City and a survivor of the Holocaust.

The annual **Dr. Wendell Sadler Distinguished Scholar Series** provides opportunities for students to hear from leaders in kinesiology. Hosted by the School of Kinesiology, the series honors Dr. Sadler for almost three decades of instruction at Tarleton and his unyielding commitment to the development of academic scholars.

Established in 2008, **Rock the Gym** is designed for school-age (EC-12) students with disabilities. Tarleton kinesiology students develop and facilitate gross-, fine- and sensory-motor activities as part of the biannual event.





# HIGH-IMPACT PRACTICES

**Study Abroad** opportunities abound, from exploring the cultural differences in educational systems in Ireland to studying literacy in France and The Netherlands. As part of their course requirements, students earning a Master of Science in Athletic Training travel abroad to study healthcare in another country. And the School of Kinesiology hosts an annual trip to San Miguel, Mexico, where students work on leadership development and fitness assessment with school-aged children.

The **Tarleton Model for Accelerated Teacher Education (TMATE)** is an exemplary university-based accelerated teacher certification program, one of the first in Texas. Since its inception in 1986, thousands have made successful career transitions into teaching. TMATE offers a yearlong graduate program for highly motivated people with a bachelor's degree who want to become certified teachers.

Tarleton's one-of-a-kind **teacher preparation and certification model** provides students with rich field-based experiences their very first semester. Students explore the classroom context and gain a deeper understanding of the art and science of teaching. This proven model equips students with a skill set to enter the teaching profession day-one ready.

# DEPARTMENTS

## **Curriculum and Instruction**

Curriculum and Instruction prepares students to become self-directed professionals who have a systemic understanding of education in America, particularly Texas, and to provide leadership through scholarship and service. The department develops reflective, prepared, effective and student-focused teachers.

## **Educational Leadership and Technology**

Educational Leadership and Technology provides advanced education to help professionals excel as leaders in educational administration. The master's and doctoral degrees, as well as principal and superintendent certification programs, are tailored to inform busy professionals while giving them the skills they need to succeed.

## **Educator Preparation Services**

Tarleton's Educational Preparation Services plays a vital role for the College of Education. The office guides students seeking teacher or professional certification from the moment of application to completion of field experiences and testing.

## **Psychological Sciences**

Psychological Sciences is committed to providing exciting, challenging ways to develop bright new leaders in psychology and child and family studies. Courses are offered face to face and online, and a hybrid blends best practices from both. The department includes Child and Family Studies for students who want to work with children and families outside the school setting.

## **School of Kinesiology**

The School of Kinesiology strives to build fearless champions. With a focus on sports, exercise science, human performance and allied health, the school trains students for careers in the demanding sports and athletic industry. Students receive transformative leadership experiences in an atmosphere that embraces a team culture.

### **Health and Human Performance**

Health and Human Performance prepares students for careers as exercise and allied health professionals, athletic trainers and fitness coaches to name a few.

### **Sport Science**

Students who graduate from the School of Kinesiology's Sport Science program are well prepared for careers as coaches at the youth sport, high school, collegiate and professional levels, as well as administrators of recreation and fitness programs.

# PARTNERSHIPS WITH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student organizations help students learn, grow and lead, and that's why they play a big role in the college.

**Tarleton Professional Educators** supports future Texas educators who believe that, as professionals, they must work as a team to ensure students receive the best education possible. The organization serves local school districts through service learning projects and partnerships to advance quality educational opportunities.

The **Tarleton Athletic Training Student Association** serves as a network for students enrolled in the Sports Medicine Program.

The **Kinesiology Research Organization** assists student research in kinesiology.

**Kappa Delta Pi** is an international honor society dedicated to recognizing excellence in education, providing professional development and recognition for educators at all stages of their careers.

The **Psychology Club** in Stephenville and the Psyched Club in Fort Worth work to increase awareness in psychology. Students participate in conferences, community activities, research symposiums and applied learning experiences.

**Psi Chi**, the national psychology honors association, gives students the opportunity to participate in conferences and community activities.

The **Neuroscience Club** aims to improve the understanding of neuroscience in an interdisciplinary environment. Students can participate in a journal club and various service opportunities.





# UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HANDS-ON LEARNING

## **Laboratory for Wellness and Motor Behavior**

Led by Tarleton professor Dr. Joe Priest, the Laboratory for Wellness and Motor Behavior specializes in helping rehabilitate patients who have had a stroke or other injury that left them paralyzed. Tarleton students serve as personal trainers for the program, which is completely free for patients.

## **Tarleton Center for Child Well-being**

The Tarleton Center for Child Well-being offers psychological evaluations and behavioral health services at a reasonable cost to school-aged children and their families. Under the direction of Dr. Stephanie Robertson, the center provides internships for psychology majors, along with practicum experiences for graduate students in social work and counseling. Students have the opportunity to engage in multidisciplinary collaboration in pediatric behavioral health.

## **Center of Excellence for Research on Returning War Veterans**

Tarleton partners with the Center of Excellence for Research on Returning War Veterans at the VA Medical Center in Waco. Students can participate in a research internship, in which they assist on the assessment, functioning and treatment of mental health problems in returning war veterans. Dr. Kyle Eichas oversees the partnership.

## **Kinetic Performance Laboratory**

Kinesiology students, under the leadership of Dr. Andy Wolfe, apply their knowledge and skills learned in the classroom in the Kinetic Performance Laboratory, which offers free personal training to Tarleton faculty and staff. Students also help evaluate, design and deliver strength and conditioning programming to the university's Corps of Cadets.

## **Behavioral Neuroscience and Perceptual Psychophysiology Research**

Students in the Behavioral Neuroscience and Perceptual Psychophysiology Research group, directed by psychology professor Dr. Amber Bozer, use electrophysiological, behavioral and cognitive measurements to unravel the mysteries of chronic physical pain.



## WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

*“Tarleton gave me the resources, skills and, most of all, the heart that I needed to achieve. Everything I learned while at Tarleton, I have put to use every day with my students. And it’s working. A student came up to me and said, ‘Ms. Badillo, I know you’ve only been here three weeks, but you’re so good that it feels like you’ve been here forever.’ When she said that, I knew I had Tarleton to thank. It has made an enormous impact on my life, and I will be forever grateful.”*

**- Danielle Badillo, Tarleton graduate and fifth-grade teacher, Class of 2018**

*“I learned how multiple perspectives, such as cultural backgrounds, personal experiences, workplace experiences and even subject matter, can change a person’s lens. This changed my life at work and at home.”*

**- Dr. Elaine Fagner, Educational Leadership and Technology, Class of 2019**

*“The faculty and staff in the Department of Psychological Sciences have been vital to my success. The program gave me the opportunities to conduct research, expand my knowledge in the field and hone my skills as both a student and scientist. After completing my bachelor’s degree, I was fully prepared for post-college because of the continuing encouragement and support my professors gave me. Choosing Tarleton was the best decision I could have made for my undergraduate career.”*

**- Chelsea Bradley, Tarleton graduate, Class of 2018**

*“The School of Kinesiology excels at helping students succeed because it offers hands-on experiences, and professors push you to develop yourself in and out of the classroom. Instructors genuinely care about students. This program sets students up for success because of the many opportunities for internships and research right on campus, as well as the incredible study abroad program.”*

**- Randall Toops, School of Kinesiology, Class of 2020**

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