

How do I learn more about the Education and Public Policy major?

More details about the EPP major are found at:
www.ed.psu.edu/educ/eps/epp

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The Penn State College of Education serves approximately 2,800 undergraduate and 1,200 graduate students each year. The College prepares PK-12 teachers in 21 different specialty areas. College programs also prepare educators, administrators, counselors, psychologists, and rehabilitation specialists. U.S. News & World Report ranks 10 of the College's graduate programs in the top 20 of their respective program rankings, with six programs in the top 10.

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Education and Public Policy

An Undergraduate Degree Program



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The Bachelor of Science in Education and Public Policy (EPP) degree program at Penn State offers interdisciplinary study for mission-driven students who want to have an impact on society by building democratic participation and improving civic capacity in and through educational institutions and communities. This major is specially designed for students who want to make a difference in education, but do not want to become certified classroom teachers.



How will the EPP major help me prepare for a professional career?

The EPP degree helps students prepare for professional careers in education, government, community development, public service, special interest, or philanthropy for the betterment of a diverse and democratic society. EPP students become discerning research consumers and policy analysts in order to work for educational reform and social justice. The EPP major provides the training, knowledge, and experience students need to enter the professional world of educational policy and politics or continue their education at the graduate level.

We know how dedicated Penn State education students are to making the world a better place for children and youth. The EPP major provides our mission-driven students with the skills, knowledge, and opportunities to make a positive and lasting impact on K-12 education through careers in education policy.

- Dr. Dana Mitra, Associate Professor,
EPP Advisor, and Author of *Student Voice in School Reform*

How is the EPP major unique?

- EPP students engage in an interdisciplinary course of study allowing for flexibility in electives including topics and emphases in three areas: Policy Problems and Public Systems; Leadership, Decision-making, and Ethics; and Diversity and Equity.
- The EPP major offers a summer semester internship in cities such as Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and Harrisburg, and in locations near Penn State campuses. This professional field placement culminates in a research project that synthesizes real-world experiences with interdisciplinary readings in areas such as diversity, social justice, and educational equity in rural, suburban, and urban settings.
- Students receive personal attention and innovative instruction from Penn State professors and instructors with earned doctorates, active research interests in education policy, and national and international connections to enhance field placement and career options.
- Increasingly, organizations such as legislatures, think tanks, interest groups, nonprofits, and government agencies are calling for sophisticated policy and trained analysts to develop and implement innovative public education reforms. The EPP major prepares Penn State students to enter the educational policy profession or continue their education at the master's or doctoral level or in law school.

