

CENTRAL TEACHER ACADEMY



WHAT ARE CENTRAL GRADS SAYING?

"The education department at Central has really helped me shape my future. I've been able to watch and observe and put together lessons. That's what Central Teacher Academy does. They get you in front of a classroom talking with students and that experience expanded my horizons with what I can do with an education degree. I'm thinking about eventually becoming a school counselor or getting my master's in administration and becoming a principal or superintendent. I'm keeping my options open. My degree from Central sets me up for that."

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HOMETOWN: Morrison, Illinois

MAJORS: Social science and secondary education

MENTOR WITH A TEACHER IN YOUR FIELD FOR THREE YEARS

Students are placed with a mentor teacher in local schools based on educational goals and endorsement needs.

SINCE 2001,
309 STUDENTS HAVE
PARTICIPATED IN THE
CTA PROGRAM

School administrators report that teachers who have completed the Central Teacher Academy start with experience more consistent with that of a second or third-year teacher rather than a first-year teacher.

QUALIFICATIONS

- + Students must be admitted to the Education department
- + Students are selected for the CTA program via a written application and in-person interview with the Central College CTA director and representatives from local schools
- + Students must commit to completing additional clinical hours with a selected teacher in local schools for three years of their teaching program at Central
- + Students must attend professional development teaching sessions and monthly team meetings

CTA FAQs

How long is the program?

3 years of paired mentorship

Where will I be teaching?

With a collaborating teacher in the Pella Community School District or Pella Christian Schools. CTA serves elementary, secondary and K-12 (art, music, physical education) majors.

What professional development opportunities will I have?

- + Phonics
- + Orton Gillingham routines
- + PRESS interventions
- + Classroom management
- + Interviewing tips
- + Math tasks and talks
- + Progress monitoring
- + Rubric development
- + Social emotional learning
- + Talented and gifted

Do I have time?

Yes! CTA students are still involved in music ensembles, athletics and can study abroad.

Who can participate?

Any student who meets CTA qualifications

What kind of jobs do graduates get?

5th Grade

Regents School
Charlottesville, VA

Pursuing Ph. D.

Pure Mathematics
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

5th Grade

Trousdale County
Elementary School
Hartsville, Tennessee

Grade 3-5 Level 1 SPED

Brubaker Elementary
Des Moines Public Schools
Des Moines, Iowa

Integrated Science, Biology, Anatomy, Physiology and Environmental Science

BCLUW High School
Conrad, Iowa