

MISSION STATEMENT

(Adopted March 2025)

The Shepherd University Educator Preparation Program (EPP) utilizes data-driven instruction to prepare reflective, effective, and socially responsible teachers to meet the diverse needs of P-12 students. Rooted in learning, engagement, integrity, accessibility, service, and community, we cultivate innovative educators who apply research-based strategies, foster inclusive learning environments, and promote success for all students. Through rigorous coursework and immersive field experiences with community partners, we prepare our teacher candidates to be empowered educators who seek continuous improvement and lead in dynamic educational settings.

Professional Licensure Notification

The U.S. Department of Education has implemented regulations (34 CFR 668.43 (a) (5) (v)) which requires Shepherd University's Educator Preparation Program to provide a list of all states/jurisdictions where the institution's curriculum meets state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification. Requirements for licensure vary from one profession to another and from state to state.

Shepherd University's Educator Preparation Program is aligned solely with licensing requirements for and within the State of West Virginia. Teacher education students interested in pursuing licensure in any of the other forty-nine states, the District of Columbia, and/or one of the US territories should always check the information provided directly by the Department of Education within the state/territory/District in which they are interested.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.shepherd.edu/education/professional-licensure-notification>