



PennWest School of Education

Preparing the Educators of Tomorrow.
Serving the Classrooms of Today.

About the School

The **Pennsylvania Western University School of Education** sets the standard for teacher preparation and professional development across western Pennsylvania. Through innovative coursework, diverse field experiences and collaborative partnerships, including those with PennWest's **Center for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies**, the school is shaping the next generation of educators and leaders.

Comprehensive and Accredited Programs

PennWest offers one of the most extensive arrays of education programs in the commonwealth, including undergraduate and graduate degrees, certifications and endorsements.

Undergraduate/Graduate Programs:

- Early Childhood and Elementary Education
- Middle Level and Secondary Education
- Special Education
- Art Education

Graduate Programs:

- Educational Leadership and Administration
- Educational Psychology
- School Psychology
- Reading Specialist
- School Counseling
- Advanced Studies in Education

Certification and Endorsements:

- PA State Teacher Certification
- Principal K–12 Certificate
- Superintendent Letter of Eligibility
- Supervisor of Special Education
- Deaf Education Certificate
- STEM Education Endorsement
- Autism Endorsement
- Applied Behavior Analysis Certificate
- Online Teaching Endorsement

Nationally Accredited:

- **CAEP** – Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation
- **NASAD** – Art Education
- **NASP** – School Psychology
- **CACREP** – Counseling with a Concentration in School Counseling

PennWest is also an **Approved Provider of Act 48** professional education, offering training on campus, on-site and online.

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Partnerships, Field Experience and Community Impact

Experience Starts Early

Education students engage in field experiences beginning in their first semester.

Expansive District Network

PennWest partners with school districts across Western Pennsylvania to support robust, real-world learning — including **residency-style student teaching** programs.

Signature Initiatives and Learning Sites:

- **Boro Little Learners Academy** (Edinboro): Observation and preschool engagement
- **Western PA School for the Deaf Children's Center** (Edinboro): Experience in deaf education
- **Rutledge Institute for Early Childhood Education** (California): Four-year immersive scholarship program
- **Rutledge Early Childhood Education Center** (California Borough): Free, high-quality childcare and experiential learning
- **School Psychology Clinic** (California): Affordable community assessments, real-world graduate training

Dual Enrollment Pathways:

- **Boro Teach Program** (Erie School District): 12 tuition-free college credits for high schoolers
- **Education Academies**: Expanding to districts across the region
- **PDK–Educators Rising Partnership**: Up to 9 college credits for participating high school students

Educator Savings

PSEA members can earn **PennWest tuition savings** by completing **NEA micro-credentials**.

Innovation in Teacher Training

PennWest's School of Education collaborates with the **Center for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies** to:

- Embed **AI literacy and pedagogy** into teacher preparation
- Offer **Act 48-compliant professional development** on emerging technologies
- Support **districts and intermediate units** in preparing future-ready educators

A Legacy of Leadership

PennWest, with historical roots in California, Clarion, and Edinboro, has educated generations of teachers and school leaders. **PennWest alumni serve in nearly every school across Pennsylvania** — from rural classrooms to urban districts.

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