

Schools of Education

THE TOP SCHOOLS

Rank/School	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Superintendent assessment score (5.0=highest)	'08 mean GRE scores (verbal/quantitative) ¹	'08 doctoral acceptance rate	'08 doctoral student/faculty ²	Doctorals granted/faculty 2007-08	'08 funded research (millions)	'08 funded research/faculty member (thousands)	'08 total graduate education enrollment
1. Vanderbilt University (Peabody) (TN)	100	4.4	4.5	640/732	11.4%	2.9	0.6	\$32.6	\$403.0	705
2. Stanford University (CA)	96	4.7	4.6	649/709	8.2%	4.4	0.8	\$13.2	\$338.6	379
3. Teachers College, Columbia University (NY)	95	4.4	4.6	567/653	20.5%	6.0	1.5	\$42.7	\$307.4	4,818
4. University of Oregon	94	3.5	4.1	494/560	13.7%	4.2	1.0	\$29.5	\$950.6	773
5. University of California—Los Angeles	93	4.0	4.2	557/619	29.3%	7.3	1.3	\$31.4	\$667.1	843
6. Harvard University (MA)	91	4.5	4.7	637/684	12.3%	6.3	0.9	\$14.7	\$319.3	899
7. Johns Hopkins University (MD)	86	3.8	4.6	600/690	50.0%	0.3	0.2	\$18.8	\$508.3	2,003
7. Northwestern University (IL)	86	3.8	4.4	648/751	14.6%	2.5	0.3	\$11.5	\$441.3	306
7. University of California—Berkeley	86	4.3	4.6	593/644	16.7%	8.6	0.9	\$12.5	\$402.0	432
7. University of Texas—Austin	86	4.1	4.4	523/634	37.6%	4.9	0.8	\$30.8	\$226.2	1,107
7. University of Wisconsin—Madison	86	4.4	4.5	553/597	31.9%	4.4	0.6	\$25.5	\$214.6	1,010
12. University of Washington	85	4.0	4.0	547/573	48.3%	4.2	0.7	\$30.1	\$528.0	1,167
13. University of Pennsylvania	82	3.9	4.5	615/677	17.0%	3.8	1.0	\$12.8	\$305.5	1,049
14. New York University (Steinhardt)	81	4.0	4.3	598/649	17.3%	2.4	0.6	\$22.8	\$133.0	3,579
14. University of Michigan—Ann Arbor	81	4.3	4.3	579/627	26.3%	5.4	0.7	\$15.9	\$306.4	501
16. Ohio State University	80	4.0	4.3	558/632	44.7%	1.8	0.5	\$31.5	\$187.7	1,161
17. Michigan State University	77	4.2	4.2	537/630	54.6%	4.6	0.6	\$24.9	\$211.1	1,754
18. University of Kansas	76	3.8	4.0	490/620	36.9%	3.4	0.8	\$26.5	\$331.5	1,175
19. Boston College (Lynch)	73	3.8	4.1	567/658	9.2%	4.7	0.9	\$13.4	\$267.2	826
19. Indiana University—Bloomington	73	4.0	4.2	546/652	32.9%	5.0	1.0	\$21.2	\$211.9	1,100
21. University of Minnesota—Twin Cities	71	3.8	4.0	531/610	48.4%	4.1	0.7	\$28.0	\$146.6	2,496
22. University of Southern California (Rossier)	70	3.7	4.1	601/676	10.5%	9.0	5.7	\$14.2	\$526.3	1,018
23. University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill	69	3.9	4.3	587/594	34.6%	4.3	1.4	\$10.0	\$227.4	556
24. Arizona State University	68	3.8	3.9	548/641	23.2%	4.5	0.9	\$16.0	\$188.6	1,337
24. Pennsylvania State University—University Park	68	3.9	4.1	531/627	30.4%	4.1	1.1	\$17.4	\$179.1	1,269
24. University of Connecticut (Neag)	68	3.8	3.9	570/645	21.0%	2.2	0.5	\$11.9	\$179.7	822
24. University of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign	68	4.2	4.2	544/668	41.8%	4.1	0.9	\$8.6	\$88.5	1,244
24. University of Maryland—College Park	68	3.9	4.1	547/648	30.3%	6.0	1.0	\$13.2	\$137.9	1,347
24. University of Virginia (Curry)	68	4.0	4.3	562/629	50.0%	4.3	0.9	\$10.7	\$121.9	793
30. University of Georgia	67	3.9	4.2	518/612	26.8%	2.7	0.6	\$14.1	\$75.6	2,490
30. Utah State University	67	3.0	3.6	520/604	31.5%	1.1	0.3	\$26.2	\$211.5	1,032
32. George Washington University (DC)	65	3.4	4.2	527/539	51.1%	5.6	1.5	\$15.0	\$365.6	2,074
32. University of Iowa	65	3.6	4.0	501/616	45.2%	4.2	0.5	\$14.0	\$172.8	697
32. University of Pittsburgh	65	3.5	4.1	494/535	59.8%	3.6	0.9	\$18.6	\$305.4	1,279
35. University of Delaware	64	3.2	3.8	570/636	45.1%	3.1	0.8	\$13.7	\$318.8	572
36. Cornell University (NY)	62	3.5	4.5	510/666	12.0%	2.6	0.1	\$7	\$57.1	70
36. Washington University in St. Louis	62	3.4	4.0	612/683 *	42.9%	0.7	0.1	\$1.3	\$164.1	30
38. Rutgers, the State U. of N.J.—New Brunswick	61	3.4	4.1	530/609	32.5%	2.4	0.6	\$9.9	\$197.5	1,057
38. University of Colorado—Boulder	61	3.6	4.0	564/620	32.6%	1.7	0.4	\$3.9	\$121.9	323
38. Virginia Commonwealth University	61	3.0	3.6	521/563	59.0%	1.8	0.5	\$18.5	\$420.5	1,751
41. Florida State University	60	3.4	3.8	492/586	40.4%	3.3	0.6	\$17.6	\$172.7	1,166
41. Kansas State University	60	3.0	3.7	507/543	44.7%	2.3	0.5	\$6.9	\$144.7	1,496
41. Lehigh University (PA)	60	3.0	3.9	532/621	18.9%	3.2	0.4	\$7.6	\$263.7	640
41. University of Miami (FL)	60	3.1	3.9	534/627	17.8%	2.6	0.4	\$8.1	\$252.6	255
41. University of Missouri	60	3.6	3.8	519/600	29.1%	3.7	1.1	\$11.2	\$137.8	2,196
41. University of Tennessee—Knoxville	60	3.2	4.1	508/612	52.9%	1.5	0.3	\$14.5	\$114.5	680
47. Texas A&M University—College Station	59	3.6	4.0	462/527	60.0%	3.4	0.8	\$19.6	\$158.4	1,351
48. College of William and Mary (VA)	58	3.2	4.2	546/623	62.1%	2.3	0.6	\$5.7	\$153.1	356
48. Purdue University—West Lafayette (IN)	58	3.5	4.1	521/640	45.2%	2.5	0.5	\$8.4	\$115.2	402
48. University of Illinois—Chicago	58	3.5	3.7	506/570	57.3%	2.4	0.3	\$11.7	\$208.7	746

¹GRE scores are for doctoral students only. ²Student/faculty ratio is for all full-time-equivalent doctoral students and full-time faculty. *The school could not break out GRE scores for doctoral students; average scores for all entering students are shown. Sources: *U.S. News* and the schools. Assessment data collected by Synovate.

PROGRAMS RANKED BEST BY EDUCATION SCHOOL DEANS

ADMINISTRATION/SUPERVISION

1. Vanderbilt University (Peabody) (TN)
2. University of Wisconsin–Madison
3. Harvard University (MA)
4. Teachers College, Columbia University (NY)
5. Ohio State University
5. Pennsylvania State University–University Park
7. Stanford University (CA)
8. Michigan State University
9. University of Southern California (Rossier)
10. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
10. University of Texas–Austin

COUNSELING/PERSONNEL SERVICES

1. University of Maryland–College Park
2. University of Wisconsin–Madison
3. University of Florida
3. University of Georgia
3. University of Missouri
6. Indiana University–Bloomington
6. Ohio State University
6. University of Minnesota–Twin Cities
6. University of North Carolina–Greensboro
10. Pennsylvania State University–University Park

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

1. University of Wisconsin–Madison
2. Michigan State University
3. Teachers College, Columbia University (NY)
4. University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign
5. Ohio State University
6. Stanford University (CA)
7. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
8. University of Georgia
9. University of Washington
10. University of Texas–Austin
10. University of Virginia (Curry)

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

1. University of Wisconsin–Madison
2. Stanford University (CA)
3. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor

4. University of Maryland–College Park
5. Michigan State University
5. University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign
7. University of Minnesota–Twin Cities
7. Vanderbilt University (Peabody) (TN)
9. University of California–Los Angeles
10. University of California–Berkeley

EDUCATION POLICY

1. Stanford University (CA)
2. Harvard University (MA)
3. University of Wisconsin–Madison
4. Teachers College, Columbia University (NY)
5. Vanderbilt University (Peabody) (TN)
6. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
7. University of California–Berkeley
7. University of California–Los Angeles
7. University of Pennsylvania
10. Pennsylvania State University–University Park

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

1. Michigan State University
2. University of Wisconsin–Madison
3. Teachers College, Columbia University (NY)
4. University of Georgia
5. Ohio State University
5. University of Virginia (Curry)
5. Vanderbilt University (Peabody) (TN)
8. University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign
9. Indiana University–Bloomington
10. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
10. University of Washington

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

1. Pennsylvania State University–University Park
2. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
3. University of California–Los Angeles
4. Michigan State University

5. University of Southern California (Rossier)
6. University of Georgia
7. Harvard University (MA)
8. Vanderbilt University (Peabody) (TN)
9. Indiana University–Bloomington
10. Stanford University (CA)
10. University of Pennsylvania

SECONDARY EDUCATION

1. Michigan State University
2. University of Wisconsin–Madison
3. Stanford University (CA)
4. University of Georgia
5. Ohio State University
6. University of Virginia (Curry)
7. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
8. Indiana University–Bloomington
8. Pennsylvania State University–University Park
8. University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign

SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. Vanderbilt University (Peabody) (TN)
2. University of Kansas
3. University of Oregon
4. University of Virginia (Curry)
5. University of Florida
6. University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign
7. University of Texas–Austin
8. University of Minnesota–Twin Cities
9. University of Washington
9. University of Wisconsin–Madison

VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL

1. University of Georgia
2. Ohio State University
3. Pennsylvania State University–University Park
4. University of Minnesota–Twin Cities
4. Virginia Tech
6. University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign
7. Oklahoma State University

Graduate programs at 278 schools granting doctoral degrees were surveyed. Of those, 241 responded; 238 provided the data needed to calculate rankings based on a weighted average of the 11 quality measures described here.

Quality assessment (weighted

by .40): Two surveys were conducted in the fall of 2008. Education school deans and deans of graduate studies were asked to rate program quality from “marginal” (1) to “outstanding” (5). Forty-seven percent responded. The resulting score is weighted by .25. School superintendents nationwide in a sampling of districts were also asked to rate programs. Twenty-three percent responded. The two most recent superintendents’ surveys were averaged and are weighted by .15.

Student selectivity (.18): This combines mean verbal and quantitative GRE scores of doctoral students entering in fall 2008 and the acceptance rate of doctoral applicants for the 2008–2009 academic year (.06 each). Where mean GRE scores are not available for doctoral students, mean GRE scores for all entering students may be substituted, if available.

Faculty resources (.12): Resources include the 2008 ratio of all full-time-equivalent doctoral students to full-time faculty (.045); the average percentage of full-time faculty holding awards or editorships among selected education journals in the past two years (.025); and the ratio of doctoral degrees granted to full-time faculty in the past school year (.05).

Research activity (.30): This measure uses average total education school research expenditures (.15) and the average research expenditures per full-time faculty member (.15). Expenditures refer to separately funded research, public and private, conducted by the school, averaged over fiscal years 2007 and 2008.

Overall rank: Data were standardized about their means, and standardized scores were weighted, totaled, and rescaled so that the top school received 100; other schools received their percentage of the top score.

Specialty rankings: These specialty ratings are based solely on nominations by education school deans and deans of graduate studies. They were asked to choose up to 10 top programs noted for excellence in each specialty area. Those with the most votes are listed.

Teacher Preparation at the Top Education Schools

Below, you'll find key information about teacher-prep programs at the top 50 *U.S. News* education schools, listed alphabetically. This table is not a ranking of these programs. Key attributes to consider when choosing a program

include how many instructors are engaged in teacher prep, whether students intern in a professional development school that is closely tied to the university, and whether peer working groups are organized for student teachers.

School	Nationally accredited ¹	Type of education school: undergrad/grad	'08 enrollment in graduate teaching programs	Alternative route to licensure program	Students trained in professional development school	Students assigned to peer working groups	'08 full-time faculty engaged in teaching programs	Preparation offered for national certification
Arizona State University	No	U and G	435	Yes	All	All	42	Yes
Boston College (Lynch)	No	U and G	253	No	All	All	19	No
College of William and Mary (VA)	Yes	U and G	47	No	Some	All	19	No
Cornell University (NY)	No	U and G	N/A	No	No	All	8	No
Florida State University	Yes	U and G	418	No	Some	Some	61	No
George Washington University (DC)	Yes	Grad	502	Yes	Some	Some	15	Yes
Harvard University (MA)	No	Grad	50	No	All	All	7	Yes
Indiana University–Bloomington	Yes	U and G	279	Yes	Some	Some	64	No
Johns Hopkins University (MD)	Yes	Grad	505	Yes	Some	Some	11	No
Kansas State University	Yes	U and G	N/A	Yes	All	Some	34	Yes
Lehigh University (PA)	No	Grad	181	No	Some	Some	10	No
Michigan State University	Yes	U and G	795	No	All	All	68	No
New York University (Steinhardt)	Yes	U and G	805	No	Some	All	61	No
Northwestern University (IL)	No	U and G	177	Yes	All	All	8	No
Ohio State University	Yes	U and G	698	No	Some	All	112	Yes
Pennsylvania State University–University Park	Yes	U and G	55	Yes	All	All	99	No
Purdue University–West Lafayette (IN)	Yes	U and G	99	Yes	Some	Some	71	No
Rutgers, the State U. of New Jersey–New Brunswick	Yes	Grad	581	Yes	No	All	48	No
Stanford University (CA)	Yes	Grad	85	No	All	All	15	Yes
Teachers College, Columbia University (NY)	Yes	Grad	1,531	Yes	Some	All	80	No
Texas A&M University–College Station	Yes	U and G	N/A	Yes	All	All	35	No
University of California–Berkeley	No	Grad	100	No	All	All	31	No
University of California–Los Angeles	No	Grad	324	Yes	All	All	10	Yes
University of Colorado–Boulder	Yes	Grad	N/A	No	Some	Some	27	No
University of Connecticut (Neag)	Yes	U and G	160	No	All	All	28	No
University of Delaware	Yes	U and G	235	Yes	Some	Some	42	No
University of Georgia	Yes	U and G	982	Yes	All	Some	113	No
University of Illinois–Chicago	No	U and G	245	No	No	All	32	No
University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign	No	U and G	70	Yes	All	All	45	Yes
University of Iowa	No	U and G	216	No	No	Some	31	Yes
University of Kansas	Yes	U and G	293	Yes	Some	Some	40	No
University of Maryland–College Park	Yes	U and G	207	Yes	All	All	70	Yes
University of Miami (FL)	No	U and G	49	Yes	All	Some	14	No
University of Michigan–Ann Arbor	No	U and G	90	No	Some	All	21	No
University of Minnesota–Twin Cities	Yes	U and G	772	Yes	Some	All	186	No
University of Missouri	Yes	U and G	N/A	Yes	All	Some	77	No
University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill	Yes	U and G	237	Yes	Some	All	36	No
University of Oregon	No	Grad	291	No	Some	Some	16	No
University of Pennsylvania	No	Grad	409	Yes	Some	All	7	No
University of Pittsburgh	No	Grad	330	Yes	Some	All	27	No
University of Southern California (Rossier)	No	U and G	153	No	All	All	25	No
University of Tennessee–Knoxville	Yes	U and G	N/A	Yes	All	All	112	No
University of Texas–Austin	No	U and G	61	Yes	All	Some	44	No
University of Virginia (Curry)	Yes	U and G	165	No	All	All	26	No
University of Washington	No	Grad	102	No	All	All	36	Yes
University of Wisconsin–Madison	No	U and G	420	No	Some	Some	111	Yes
Utah State University	No	U and G	769	Yes	Some	All	130	Yes
Vanderbilt University (Peabody) (TN)	Yes	U and G	111	Yes	Some	All	37	No
Virginia Commonwealth University	Yes	U and G	N/A	Yes	Some	Some	34	Yes
Washington University in St. Louis	No	U and G	23	Yes	Some	All	8	No

¹Denotes schools that are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, with the exception of Michigan State University, New York University, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey–New Brunswick, and the University of Virginia, which are accredited by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. Accreditation status as of February 2009. N/A means not available. Sources: *U.S. News* and the schools