

Education Department Exit Survey

Spring 2012

ELED (N=36), Secondary (N=15)

	Not well prepared (1)	Somewhat prepared (2)	Prepared (3)	Well prepared (4)	Mean
Content					
--Elementary	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	97.2%	3.97
--Secondary	0.0%	0.0%	13.3%	86.7%	3.87
Student Development & Diversity					
--Elementary	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	4.00
--Secondary	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	80.0%	3.80
Learning Processes					
--Elementary	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	91.7%	3.92
--Secondary	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	4.00
Instructional Planning & Delivery					
--Elementary	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	97.2%	3.97
--Secondary	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	4.00
Learning Environment					
--Elementary	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	4.00
--Secondary	0.0%	0.0%	26.7%	73.3%	3.73
Professional Environment					
--Elementary	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	4.00
--Secondary	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	93.3%	3.93
Assessment					
--Elementary	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	83.3%	3.83
--Secondary	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	80.0%	3.80
Literacy					
--Elementary	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	91.7%	3.92
--Secondary	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	60.0%	3.60
Reflective Practitioner					
--Elementary	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	4.00
--Secondary	0.0%	0.0%	26.7%	73.3%	3.73

Appendix A: Content Comments

Elementary Education

Feel well prepared for all I encounter.

I feel that Saint Mary's has provided me with every tool for teaching, and the confidence of a strong woman and teacher.

I had so many ideas from classes I could include in my teaching, I found the things we discussed to be very useful and often implemented them in the classroom.

I have learned the importance of connecting student learning to their own lives to make it more meaningful.

I still can improve in the area of knowing the material in some content areas.

I used a variety of activities to assist student learning.

My knowledge of teaching techniques has definitely expanded while student teaching.

SMC has taught us a lot about how students learn and various ways to teach all students.

Secondary Education

(No Comments)

Appendix B: Learning Processes Comments

Elementary Education

Everyone learns differently. It is our job to reach them all.

Great ed psych.

I feel comfortable with high diversity.

I feel that I understand the learning process of children.

I know about students' growth and development and have seen evidence of this in my classroom.

I know when students were ready to move on to new concepts.

Supporting & motivating students is critical and Saint Mary's classes instructed us on how to best go about this, but also just how important it is.

The psych classes were SO helpful for working with different ages and students with different abilities.

Secondary Education

The ed.psyc./development classes were very helpful once in the classroom.

Appendix C: Learning Processes Comments

Elementary Education

Confident in creating varied lessons.

I have often differentiated instruction in the classroom.

Love incorporating technology (limited with what school offers)

Technology has become great!

There are many different ways to learn something.

Very much a part of curriculum.

Secondary Education

(No Comments)

Appendix D: Instructional Planning & Delivery Comments

Elementary Education

I feel that I utilize a variety of instructional strategies in the classroom.

Secondary Education

(No Comments)

Appendix E: Learning Environment Comments

Elementary Education

Classroom management has developed a lot more in the past few months. It's good for students who need structure.

I feel that I create effectively a safe, healthy, and supportive classroom environment.

I have learned the importance of students feeling safe and valued in the classroom.

Saint Mary's made me feel incredibly prepared especially because of the safe environment they provided for us.

The experience in an actual classroom early on was so helpful in truly understanding learning environment and classroom management.

Understand the importance and all that encompasses creating a safe environment.

Secondary Education

I find we are held to high standards in comparison to other teachers/student teachers.

Appendix F: Professional Environment Comments

Elementary Education

Had a long phone call with parent last week-went very well!

Have realized through this semester how important the relationships with students, parents, colleagues, and having a positive school environment are to the student teaching experience! I have utilized a lot of these resources throughout the semester!

I have collaborated with school colleagues and discussed students with their parents.

I learned more than I ever could in a class about students' families and colleagues during my student teaching experience. This was eye-opening.

My student teaching placement has taught me a lot about different families, cultures, and lifestyles.

Parents are very important!

Secondary Education

(No Comments)

Appendix G: Assessment Comments

Elementary Education

Implemented and used different types of assessment.

I daily assess my students and make sure they understand and know the material.

Secondary Education

(No Comments)

Appendix H: Literacy Comments

Elementary Education

Content area is one of my strong points.

I feel that I am an effective teacher of Language Arts.

Secondary Education

Would be better if we were emphasizing this since freshman year. Since we started jr. year I am not as familiar.

Appendix I: Reflective Practitioner Comments

Elementary Education

(No Comments)

Secondary Education

(No Comments)

Appendix J: Overall Comments (Elementary Education)

Choosing to become a Saint Mary's educator was the greatest decision I have ever made. They have prepared me in every way and have provided an education that will last me a lifetime. I am so thankful for the experiences and relationships I have been a part of in the education department. Thank you :)

Greatest learning experience! I feel very well prepared and excited to begin my career. Loved it!

I am confident that Saint Mary's Education Department has prepared me more than any other program could have (through so much EXPERIENCE)

I am so thankful for my preparation as a teacher through the Education Department. I am confident in what I have learned and how I have grown as an educator.

I appreciate the personal relationships I developed with my professors at Saint Mary's in the Education Department. I have nothing but positive things to say about the program and recognize how lucky I am to have been a part of the Education program here. The relationships and professional help I have received and the experience in the classroom beginning during my freshman year sets this program apart from others I have heard of. Thank you for the support and memorable experiences!

I could not be more thankful for the experience I have had here at Saint Mary's. The education department takes pride in what they do and it shows in their commitment to the program.

I feel I am very well prepared for teaching in a classroom, but know I will always be growing and learning from mistakes. I am eager to put my education and experiences to use in my own classroom.

I feel that I will be successful in the real world.

I feel very prepared (or as prepared as I can be) to teach. This semester, though exhausting, has equipped me with the tools I need to teach. Have Juniors teach as many lessons as possible so they get comfortable in the classroom.

I had a great experience. I have learned a lot about myself during my time at Saint Mary's. The Education Department has helped me grow with confidence and I am eager to become a teacher! Thank you!

I love the SMC Education Department!!! :)

I really feel like the department prepared me for a teaching career. I am confident in my role in the classroom and excited to have my own!

I think that SMC's Education Department has prepared me for a successful career in education. Student teaching was an extremely beneficial experience.

I think that SMC's Education Department has prepared me very well for my future career. I have had many positive field experiences and had amazing professors to guide me along the way.

Looking back and reflecting on my student teaching time makes me excited to see how much I'm going to learn over the years. If I learned as much as I did in 3-4 months I can't imagine what I will learn over this profession! My teacher tells me everyday how well-prepared SMC girls are and it's because of our professors (you) who helped get us to the point we are at now! I feel prepared and confident to move onto the next chapter of my life.

Professors have been extremely supportive throughout the whole SMC experience. They go out of their way to help :)

Elementary Education (Cont.)

Such a wonderful experience. The only thing I would have changed is being placed in more diverse schools than I was. Thanks for a great four years!

The Education Department at SMC sincerely cares about each individual teacher candidates' success and will do anything in their power to make sure she succeeds. Full of some of the most caring professionals I've met. I owe them all of my success and would be lost without their guidance and support!

The Education Department is the best place on SMC campus. Every person in that department has helped to prepare me to be an effective teacher. Thank you!

Overall Comments (Secondary Education)

I feel completely prepared. I feel like the Saint Mary's Education program is very thorough and impressive!

I love SMC

Overall I believe SMC has a wonderful education program. I wish there was more done to help prepare teachers to get to know the culture of South Bend's students better.

Saint Mary's has done a wonderful job preparing me to be an effective teacher! I am so grateful to my professors and the Educ department at SMC!
