STRUCTURE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AT PURDUE (Emphasis on WL)

Scope of Teacher Education

Teacher education is housed in six academic colleges on the West Lafayette (WL) campus:

1. Agriculture (secondary education major)
2. Education (elementary, social studies, and special education majors)
3. Health and Human Sciences (early childhood and secondary education majors)
4. Liberal Arts (secondary education majors)
5. Science (secondary education majors)
6. Technology (secondary education major)

In addition to bachelor’s programs in those colleges, the College of Education (COE) offers master’s degrees, education specialist degrees, and the Ph.D.

Currently, there are about 1,643 undergraduates and 227 graduate students enrolled in the various teacher education curricula, a majority of the latter group are part time.

Among the College of Education’s approximately 86 faculty, 15 have joint appointments with other colleges, which is considered a strength of teacher preparation at Purdue University.

Another 6 COE faculty have courtesy or summer appointments in other academic colleges on campus.

22 faculty across campus have courtesy appointments in the COE.

BOTTOM LINE: Purdue strengths are that teacher education is located in six academic colleges, with arts and science and other faculty in partnership with education faculty to prepare teachers who are strong in content as well as pedagogy.

Organizational and Governance Structure

For accreditation purposes, the College of Education is “the Unit” and the dean of Education is the head of the Unit.

A representative body, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), is the key governance structure for teacher education at Purdue. It includes representatives from the six WL academic colleges, the two regional campuses, P-12 practitioners, and teacher education candidates.

The Teacher Education Council reviews, advises, and approves curricular changes in teacher education; the Provost of Purdue appoints its members.

BOTTOM LINE: Teacher education is well organized at Purdue with an effective TEC; and the dean of Education is charged with providing leadership to ensure that all of teacher education at this university is in compliance with accreditation standards, university policy and expectations, and state regulations.