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# Preparing Pre-Service Teachers

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## Our Students...Are we Preparing Them for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?



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## A Vision of Students Today

video

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## Brain Snack




- Turn to your elbow partner
- Share one ah-ha, question, or thought that the video raised for you
- When you hear the chimes:
  - Finish your sentence
  - Say “thank you”
  - Redirect your attention to Linda

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## Standards at Higher Education

- National Standards
  - National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
  - Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC)
- State Standards for Professional Educators




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## Today's Ed School Isn't Your Ed School

- **Time's have changed**
  - Classroom Management
  - Field Placements
  - Assessment
  - Student Learning




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## Today's Ed School Isn't Your Ed School

- **Time's have changed**
  - Technology
  - On-line learning
  - Podcasts
  - I-movies, Movie Maker
  - WWW: On-line lesson plans
  - Smart Boards




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## What Knowledge Should a New Teacher Have to be SUCCESSFUL?

- Pedagogy
- Content
- Classroom Management



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## How Do We Nurture New Teachers?

- Internships, apprenticeships
- Expectations in the Field
- What can YOU do?




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## Brain Compatible Instruction in Higher Ed

- Teach the Body-brain research
- Have students placed in brain compatible classrooms
- Apply Body-brain research to teaching
- Social/Political Action  
*"You can't do what you don't know."*



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## The Mission of Hope College


- video

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## Hope College, Holland MI

- **Student Body: 3,200**
  - Education Students: 550
- **Social/Political Action**
  - Critical Issues
  - Freshman- A Day of Giving
  - Dance Marathon
  - Spring Break Mission Trips
- **Student Research**
  - US News & World Reports Ranks Hope 4<sup>th</sup> in Nation in student research
  - NSF- One of 100 Awards for the Integration of Research and Education
- **Best Place to Work**  
 "West Michigan's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For"! ...4<sup>th</sup> year in a row!



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- Energy
- Transportation
- Grounds
- Paper Reduction
- Dining Services
- Recycling
- Campus Ministries
- Green Events
- Green Links

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**Hope College Education Department**



- Developmental sequenced program
- 3 levels
  - Choosing to Teach
  - Learning How to Teach
  - Teaching
- Field Placements at all levels
- Small class sizes
- Commitment by faculty to nurture all students
- Ranked #1 Education Department in State of MI

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**The Hope College Experience**



**HOPE COLLEGE**

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**What Do Principals Say New Teachers Should Be Able To Do?**




- Be able to walk in the classroom and "own it"
- Know current educational trends
- work with at-risk populations
- differentiate
- infuse technology into a lesson
- Understand the cultural needs of the community and students
- perform their duties with confidence
- From Day 1...I don't want to worry about them
- Know how to deal with difficult kids
- Use a variety of assessments
- Get along with the entire staff (even difficult veteran teachers)

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**What do Pre-service Teachers say?**


- We are current in strategies, research
- This is my dream, I am so excited to teach
- I am a beginner, don't compare me to veteran teachers
- Mentor me
- I have only taught one semester




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**What Can You Do?**


- What university/college is in your community?
- How can you mentor, support:
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  - New teachers in your building?
- What have you learned as a result of being here today?




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