



Orientation Welcome Letter School of Education

Dear New Student:

On behalf of the School of Education, welcome to IU South Bend. Teaching is amongst the most noble of efforts, and we applaud your decision. Faculty and staff are eager to work with you as you prepare for a profession in the field of education.

Morning Session – All Students

New Student Orientation begins at 8:30 a.m. on the IU South Bend campus with an assembly in Northside Hall. Please check in at the School of Education table between 8-8:30 a.m. During the morning, you will learn about the programs and services offered at IU South Bend and tour the campus.

Following the morning session, you are invited to meet outside Greenlawn Hall for lunch with faculty, peer mentors, academic advisors and fellow incoming School of Education students. Following lunch, you will have some free time to participate in campus activities prior to meeting with School of Education faculty and staff.

Afternoon Session – All Students

During the afternoon session, you'll meet together with other incoming School of Education students to get oriented to your program. This session gives you the opportunity to get connected with other new students as well as peer mentors, faculty, and staff. You will also become familiar with the basics of college life.

A sign up sheet will be distributed during the afternoon session, and you'll choose a convenient time in the days to follow when you'll meet individually with your academic advisor and schedule your summer and/or fall classes. This follow up advising meeting gives us a chance to get to know you and help to tailor your academic plan to your individual needs. **The afternoon session is mandatory for all incoming students.** If you are unable to stay for the afternoon session, please make arrangements for a future orientation. The afternoon session will end at approximately 3:30 p.m.

A Note for Transfer Students:

If you are a transfer student who has completed 12 credit hours or more at a previous college or university, you are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with Todd Norris, Director of Student Services in the School of Education, **prior** to new student orientation to review transfer credits and how they will apply to your program. You will not be able to schedule your classes without this evaluation. Schedule this appointment by calling the Education Student Services Office at (574) 520-4845.

Please take time to review the online "Pre-Orientation Checklist" for complete details regarding the day's activities. We look forward to meeting you soon at orientation.

Sincerely,

Todd Norris
Director of Education Student Services