

School of Education - International Initiatives

Macerata, Italy Study Abroad: This program is designed for graduate students in the Higher Education Administration to study abroad at the University of Macerata, Macerata. In this program, graduate students are offered the opportunity for comparative study in Education, Higher Education, and Education Psychology. So far, the program has provided faculty exchange, visiting scholar and integrated teaching online opportunities.

University of Concepcion Partnership: This is a public school and university partnership that hosts students from University of Concepcion to teach in Spanish immersion program at Minnetonka School District. SOE Teacher Development and Educational Leadership programs are partnering with colleagues at Concepcion to create joint programs for the benefit of students from both institutions.



Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University: NMMU in Port Elizabeth is a partnership program that offers wide program opportunities for students in the humanities, sciences and education. The SOE supports a field experience program for teacher candidates from both partner institutions. Candidates from SCSU spend a quarter term at NMMU acquiring instructional skills dealing with diversity and intercultural skillsets in the form of direct non-degree enrollment.

Gyeongin National University of Education: GINUE is the largest national institution providing training for public teachers in South Korea. Candidates from GINUE take advanced coursework at SCSU and student teach in St. Cloud area schools.

SCSU Confucius Institute: This program represents a three way partnership among SCSU, MN State Department of Education and Jilin Province Ministry of Education in China. While the purpose of the Institute is to promote language, culture and people of China, the focus of the Institute has been on preparing teachers for the 7 Chinese immersion programs in the P-12 schools in Minnesota. The Institute also assists faculty in gaining research and scholarly pursuit opportunities in China.

Alnwick, England Campus: The Alnwick program takes place in northern England inside the castle that is home to the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland. To many, it is also known as “the Harry Potter castle.” Students take classes while living inside the castle in order to get a better understanding of British Culture. On this program, students take classes four days a week, and on Fridays students are taken on field trips throughout the United Kingdom. A few of the places they can expect to visit are Hadrian’s Wall, the Lake District, and Edinburgh. In addition to these

locations, students are also brought to London for four days where they get to visit Parliament, the Tower of London, and many of the other national and educational attractions.

Mary Immaculate College: Situated in Limerick, Ireland, Mary Immaculate College (MIC) represents the flagship of teacher preparation in Ireland. SCSU and MIC have a reciprocal exchange study abroad program where both institutions waive the tuition for the host students. Incoming students only pay for housing if the host institution provides such amenities. The partnership also promotes the exchange of graduate student and faculty applied research opportunities and short-term seminar presentations on both campuses.

Turkey Initiatives: SCSU has initiatives with several institutions in Turkey. A major component of the initiative is around supporting faculty from the partnership institutions to improve their English proficiency. SCSU currently has 20 visiting scholars from Gazi University who are working to improve their English proficiency while they collaborate with SCSU discipline faculty counterparts.