

# University of Minnesota



## Summary

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The [University of Minnesota](#) will significantly strengthen its program through a focus on adaptive expertise, the ability to modify teaching approaches to meet the needs of varying students and situations. The program centers around the University's Masters program in which undergraduates major in a content area (e.g., mathematics) before focusing intensively on teacher preparation for one year during the Masters program.

### Key Statistics

<i>Licensure Areas:</i>	20
<i>Teachers Prepared (2009):</i>	375
<i>First Cohort Under Redesign:</i>	Fall 2011
<i>Proposed Education Program Annual Grads:</i>	375

## Recruit

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The U of MN will diversify its teaching candidate pool and provide pathways into its teacher-preparation programs for both exceptionally qualified U of MN undergraduate students and for career changers.

## Prepare

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In addition to reviewing its curriculum, the U of MN is reforming its teacher preparation through:

- Improved partnerships with K-12 districts that create benefits for the U of MN, district and, importantly, prospective teachers
- Research and development of improved core performance assessments to ensure prospective teachers have the content and pedagogical skills needed to be effective

## Place

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The U of MN will build upon existing partnerships with school districts to establish guaranteed job placements in the long term. Success in this effort will be pursued by further strengthening district partnerships, developing more accurate hiring needs and pursuing strategies for matching candidates with openings.

## Support

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Several existing efforts will be strengthened to fully support new teachers. Among these efforts are:

- Guidelines for Minnesota Educator Induction—a framework for developing high-quality induction systems developed in partnership with MnSCU, Education Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Education
- Online mentoring: web-based programming and chat opportunities to connect new teachers, particularly those in rural areas, with mentors

## For More Information

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