



Morehouse Center of Excellence in Education (MCEE)

As the nation's only historically Black liberal arts institution dedicated to educating and developing men, Morehouse College is uniquely suited to answer the call to effectively prepare Black male teachers for classrooms across America. Additionally, the Center for Excellence in Education is an incubator for aspiring educators and those who are committed to excellent educational outcomes for all students.

Morehouse College is addressing the root causes, and not just symptoms, of the Black male teacher shortage. Our students are compelled by a calling and sense of duty to serve the communities from which they come, while also addressing the inequities and disparities that disproportionately impact people of color.

Educational Equity and Leadership

We have an unrelenting focus on social justice, educational excellence, equity, and ethical leadership. We embed these core values in all aspects of the student experience and the work of the center.

Our center's unique interdisciplinary design allows each student to customize their area of study by selecting the courses, programs, and activities that align with their career interests.

We prepare students to teach, explore, innovate, and lead with excellence. Our programs range from educator preparation that leads to students becoming master classroom teachers, to programs that prepare students to become policymakers, researchers, innovators, and leaders equipped to revolutionize education.



The mission of Morehouse College is to develop men with disciplined minds who will lead lives of leadership and service. A private historically Black liberal arts college for men, Morehouse realizes this mission by emphasizing the intellectual and character development of its students. In addition, the College assumes special responsibility for teaching the history and culture of Black people.

The center's four program areas, teach, explore, innovate, and lead, all have distinctive features that align with each pathway's various career options. Embedded in each path are courses that broaden the student's knowledge base, while also immersing them in real-world settings to apply what they learned. Collaborative activities, student research, and culminating projects will allow students to confront common narratives, identify and debate diverse perspectives, and gain a deeper understanding of the practices, policies, and theories in education that are the most consequential for underserved students.

Vision Statement

MCEE will develop a pipeline of talented, revolutionary educators who are prepared to strengthen the education sector. Morehouse Men will be thoroughly prepared for graduate school and a wide range of careers within the education sector. Our educator preparation program is built on a firm pedagogical foundation and will create an incomparable and sought-after pipeline of practitioners, leaders, researchers, and innovators in education. MCEE will become a clearinghouse of scholarship and convenor of educational thought leaderships.

Mission

In keeping with the institutional mandate of Morehouse College, to prepare students to lead consequential lives, MCEE will offer an academic program and strategic initiatives that are supported by the theoretical and scholarly traditions that are unique to Morehouse College. Woven into all courses and activities are the Morehouse College standards of excellence that promote acuity, agency, integrity, and brotherhood, thus making the MCEE Educator Preparation Program, the only one of its kind.

Key Strengths

Our Demographic Population.

As the nation's only historically Black liberal arts institution dedicated to educating and developing men, MCEE is uniquely positioned to reverse the Black male teacher shortage.

Our Teacher Preparation Options.

Students who desire an in-state educator license can pursue certification through the traditional preparation track by taking courses required for certification through our Atlanta University Center (AUC) partners, Clark Atlanta University and Spelman College. Students who discover their passion for teaching later in their four-year journey, may pursue a non-traditional preparation option. This option equips students for teaching fellowship and residency programs that will lead to certification through the districts that hire them after graduation.

Our Education Ecosystem Approach.

Through our ELITE Pathways into Education program, MCEE helps prepare students, regardless of major, for a variety of careers in education. Students can customize their courses and clinical placements to align with the roles in and outside of the classroom.

Our Expansive Network of Morehouse Educators.

Although Morehouse College has not had a traditional educator preparation program, national research shows that 569,345 Morehouse Men are teaching at the elementary and secondary education levels, and 519,554 at the post-secondary level, according to a [2019 U.S. Census Report](#) that includes U.S. Department of Labor statistics. MCEE will serve as the convenor for the Morehouse Men in Education who will serve as mentors, coaches, advisors, and possible employers for students who are aspiring educators.



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