Have you ever considered teaching high school math?

Westmont’s Department of Education provides a supportive collegial community in which to acquire a rigorous, practical, and professional preparation for K-12 teaching. Building on teacher-candidates’ liberal arts education, our program is designed to develop exemplary instructional skills, habits of reflection, and moral and cultural sensitivities that promote lifelong learning of diverse students.

“I love teaching because it gives me a great opportunity to spend time with impressionable young minds. I feel empowered that I can make such a huge impact in their lives and I really strive to make each day a learning experience in math or even in life.

Westmont’s Education Program equipped me with the necessary skills to handle the day to day tasks and challenges of being a teacher.

Most importantly, however, it helped prepare me to be a Christian educator in a world that too often doesn’t get to see the love of Christ. The emphasis placed on serving God while in my classroom is of great value to me and I am confident that this lesson would not have been demonstrated quite as well from any program other than Westmont’s.”

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Laura Trudelle, ‘10
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“Math has the ability to capture a student’s natural curiosity. I really enjoy guiding students as they learn to approach math problems as a puzzle instead of a daunting task. I love to help students grow in their confidence in math and to watch as that confidence trickles into life outside of the classroom.

It was an honor to be trained as a teacher through the Westmont Education program. I admire the professors and found it extremely beneficial to learn from individuals who have experience in the classroom as teachers or administrators and who are passionate about the world of education. Each day I received nuggets of great advice and information from my professors. I really appreciated the individual attention I received. I was constantly encouraged by prayer and reminded that we were all being empowered by a mighty Creator as we embarked on a new mission in the classroom that would not always be the easiest journey but a potentially very powerful one to both the teacher and his/her future students. Finally, my peers’ high standard for quality work and willingness to think deeply about the subject matter taught me the importance of collaboration in teaching.”

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