



# Expand your career opportunities with an education minor

**Kellen Scanlan BA '16, MAT '18 completed a minor in the dynamics of early childhood and a major in psychology at USC. After graduating, Kellen started the USC Rossier Master of Arts in Teaching program and is planning to become a middle school English teacher.**

USC Rossier's minors in education complement and enhance undergraduate majors in a wide range of disciplines, from business, sociology and policy to premed, psychology and cultural studies. With only 16 units\*, an education minor will deepen your understanding of key issues while providing a competitive advantage when you graduate from USC.

*\*20 units for the Education Policy Minor*



### **DYNAMICS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD MINOR**

Probe the effects that society, media, toys and other products have on children’s developmental growth and explore how to design with their educational needs in mind. Through self-selected investigations, you will gain in-depth knowledge of how culture, politics, psychology, economics and sociology influence young lives. Whatever path you choose in educating or otherwise aiding young children, this minor helps provide the crucial grounding for success.

16 total units (4 required courses)

#### **COURSES**

- EDUC 427: Vectors that Influence Early Childhood Development (4 units)
- EDUC 428: The Effects of Curriculum and Institution on Early Childhood (4 units)
- EDUC 429: Early Childhood and Contemporary Society (4 units)
- EDUC 430: Early Childhood: Action Research Focus (4 units)

### **EDUCATION AND SOCIETY MINOR**

Explore education’s importance to promoting equitable opportunities and developing engaged citizens for more just societies, as well as the factors that impact teaching, learning and achievement. You will gain multiple perspectives on the purpose and role of education — locally, nationally and internationally, including technology’s role in educational outcomes. This minor is especially valuable for students pursuing careers in sociology, psychology, policymaking, research, teaching and education.

16 total units (4 required courses)

#### **COURSES**

- EDUC 421: Global Issues: Impact on Educational Outcomes (4 units)
- EDUC 422: Education for Social Change (4 units)
- EDUC 423: Unrealized Promise and Hope for Education in the 21st Century (4 units)
- EDUC 426: Educational Inquiry (4 units)

### **MATHEMATICS EDUCATION MINOR**

Gain a robust understanding of mathematics and how people learn mathematics, while exploring a career in K-12 education as an effective teacher of mathematics. As a result of this minor, you will be uniquely prepared for further study in teaching credential programs or STEM majors.

16 total units (4 required courses)

#### **COURSES**

- EDUC 436: Applications of Mathematics Curriculum and Pedagogy (4 units)
- EDUC 437: Research in Teaching and Learning Mathematics (4 units)
- EDUC 433: Elementary Mathematics for Teaching (4 units)
- EDUC 434: Secondary Mathematics for Teaching (4 units)

### **MULTILINGUALISM AND MULTICULTURALISM MINOR**

Examine the role of language and culture in social, academic and political environments and develop basic skills to educate, communicate with, and research linguistically diverse communities. You will be prepared for further study toward a career as a teacher, project director, community organizer, case manager, community liaison, educational entrepreneur, policy maker, or researcher in multilingual and multicultural contexts.

16 total units (4 required courses)

#### **COURSES**

- EDUC 411: Sociopolitical and Raciolinguistic Contexts of Multilingual Education (4 units)
- EDUC 412: Linguistically and Culturally Sustaining Teaching (4 units)
- EDUC 420: Technology, Media and Culturally Sustaining Education (4 units)
- EDUC 426: Introduction to Educational Inquiry (4 units)

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### **EDUCATION POLICY MINOR** *in Partnership with USC Sol Price*

Develop the skills to analyze policies that address the most pressing issues in education, including low levels of achievement (relative to the international peers of the United States) and the considerable opportunity and achievement gaps that separate racial, ethnic and socio-economic groups. This minor includes courses from both the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy and the USC Rossier School of Education. Students must apply through the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy.

20 total units (5 required courses)

#### **COURSES**

- EDUC 431: Education Policy in the United States (4 units)
- EDUC 432: Inequality in Education (4 units)
- PPD 225: Public Policy and Management (4 units)
- PPD 303: Statistics for Policy, Planning and Development (4 units)
- PPD 315: Analytic Foundations for Public Policy (4 units)

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### **YOUR MISSION AND OUR MISSION ALIGNED**

The USC Rossier School of Education prepares leaders to advance educational equity in urban settings and beyond. Ranked as one of the nation's premier education schools by *U.S. News & World Report*, USC Rossier draws on innovative thinking and collaborative research to improve learning opportunities and outcomes, address disparities, challenge inequitable systems of power and solve the most intractable problems in education.