

Agricultural Education

Department Information

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- **Department Location:**
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- **Application Deadline:**
March 15 for summer and fall admission; October 15 for spring admission.
- **Credential Offered:**
M.S., M.Ed.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6, Duolingo 100

The School of Education offers graduate study leading to the Master of Education (M.Ed.) and Master of Science (M.S.) degrees in Agricultural Education. Advanced work may involve specialized training in vocational education, extension education, international extension, and agricultural education.

The master's degree program in Agricultural Education is most ideally suited for current school-based agricultural educators. However, the degree program is modular enough to meet the needs of students seeking advancement and expertise in multiple disciplines. Core coursework will prepare students to evaluate educational programs which they currently or intend to lead with a blended focus on adolescent and adult educational development. Further, coursework extends principles of baccalaureate teacher preparation in agriculture. Foundational coursework in research and evaluation methods are taught in a practical and applied manner.

Degree programs are planned cooperatively to meet the needs of individual students. Some courses focus on problems related to various phases of Agricultural Education, including secondary, post-secondary, adult, and extension programs. Others emphasize issues common to all service areas in agricultural and extension education. Candidates should work closely with an adviser.

The North Dakota State University (NDSU) programs in education are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and are approved by the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board. Changes in national and state legislation, standards, or rules can affect academic program requirements.

Options with Great Plains Ag*Idea

- <https://www.gpidea.org/program/agricultural-education> (<https://www.gpidea.org/program/agricultural-education/>)
- May have a focus on the secondary classroom, post-secondary environments, extension, leadership, or agricultural communications