

Teaching and Research Facilities within the NIU College of Education

Department of Counseling, Adult and Higher Education

The Department of Counseling, Adult and Higher Education (CAHE) is fortunate to have available within the department a range of teaching and counseling facilities with state-of-the-art equipment that allows students to maximize their professional development via enhanced feedback from clinical instructors.

Community Counseling Training Center

[The Community Counseling Training Center](#) is located in 416 Graham Hall on the NIU DeKalb Campus. Our state-of-the-art facility is equipped with the appropriate technology to ensure the safety and privacy of our clients, while retaining a comfortable atmosphere. This includes counseling rooms with one-way mirrors to allow live observation in adjoining observation lab rooms, video cameras and monitors, and the Landro recording system that allows counselors-in-training and supervisors to review and analyze video recorded counseling sessions to provide optimum opportunities for developmental feedback.

Career Resources Center

CAHE's Career Resource Center, located in 427 Graham Hall, houses computers equipped with Landro as well as access to multiple career assessment instruments. This center also houses and a wide variety of career resource materials in hard copy format. Students and instructors in CAHC 211, Career Exploration, utilize these resources to inform career decision-making processes.

Department of Educational Technology, Research and Assessment

The Department of Educational Technology, Research and Assessment (ETRA) prides itself on the ready availability of an array of technology for its faculty and students. Gabel Hall houses several classrooms equipped with Mac dual-boot desktops/laptops, iPads, Smart Boards, Xbox Kinect, web casting/streaming, projectors, laser printers, and scanners. They are: Gable 106, 212, 215, 220, and 222. In addition, Gable 212b is a digital multimedia room equipped with computers, TVs, and podcasting and video editing equipment, digital cameras, camcorders, projectors, and laptops are also available for short-term rentals by faculty.

Selected Software (Mac & Windows OSs)

- * Microsoft Office 2007 and 2010
- * Adobe eLearning suite 2.0 and 2.5
- * Adobe CS Web Premium
- * Adobe CS Design Premium
- * Adobe Connect
- * MS SQL

- * MS Visual Studio
- * SPSS 19
- * SAS
- * SPSS AMOS
- * QSR NVivo
- * MS Visio
- * MS Expression
- * EndNote
- * Inspiration
- * Apple iWork

Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education

For a complete description of Teaching and Research Facilities within KNPE, please visit the [department website](#).

The Department of Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations

Most of the department's classes are held in Graham Hall, which has excellent classrooms equipped with smart technology, lounges and comfortable spaces for students to use before and after classes. Students also have access to computer labs with up-to-date technology and video monitors that provide news and information. Many of our courses utilize the entire campus, including outdoor spaces for field experiences, and many include internships and practicums in surrounding K-12 school districts, where students apply much of what they are learning in the context of K-12 classrooms.

Department of Literacy and Elementary Education

Gabel Hall Facilities

The social studies laboratory, science laboratory and Basal Reading Rooms are spaces that support the study of undergraduate and graduate programs in reading and elementary education. Housed in these facilities are current curricular materials that students can use for assistance in planning instruction for practicum and student teaching. These materials are also used for guided inquiry and study attached to methods courses.

Children's Literature Teaching Collection

The Children's Literature Teaching Collection (CLTC) is a non-circulating resource, examination, and study library located in Gabel Hall in the College of Education at NIU. It was founded in 1984 to provide easily accessible current and historical children's and young adult texts and related materials for educational use with NIU students enrolled in Language Arts classes. Since then it has grown to include over 10,000 volumes that are used in Language Arts, Reading, and Bilingual Education/ESL classes in the Literacy Education department. A

special effort is made to integrate literature representing diverse groups in all the genres housed in the CLTC.

The Jerry L. Johns Literacy Clinic

The Jerry L. Johns Literacy Clinic provides reading support services for K-12 students, high-quality practicum experiences for candidates who are pursuing graduate studies in reading, and continuing education and professional development opportunities for reading specialists. Established 60 years ago, the Jerry L. Johns Literacy Clinic supports courses leading to the reading teacher endorsement and the Type 10 K-12 Reading Specialist Certification through the Illinois State Board of Education. The clinic is located at 3100 Sycamore Road, DeKalb, Ill.

Department of Special and Early Education

Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS) Assistive Technology (AT) Lab

All pre-service teachers university-wide, including elementary, secondary, early childhood, and special education majors, as well as speech and language pathology students, are required to engage in hands-on experiences with various assistive technologies (ATs) throughout their instructional programs. Approximately 750 to 1,000 students are supported in this lab annually. To assist faculty with integrating AT into their instruction, Dr. Toni Van Laarhoven and her colleagues created instructional videos, or video tutorials, to teach pre-service teachers how to use various ATs that are available in the LBS AT lab (The Encyclopedia of Assistive Technology: EAT). Currently, the tutorials are comprised of videos depicting software programs and/or devices that support individuals who have difficulties with written language, reading, math, communication, study skills, and/or physical control of their environment. The tutorials have several features that include an overview of the program/device, videos depicting critical components of the program/devices, short tutorials (video-based and written) for students to use the program, and a list of resources. Essentially, the DVD is comprised of videos that teach learners "how to" use various technologies (similar to the popular "Video Professor" CDs sold commercially) and is now available online at <http://at-video-tutorials.com/>

Vision Lab

Undergraduate and graduate vision students and teacher candidates develop and demonstrate competencies in the Vision Lab. The Vision Lab includes closed caption TV monitors (CCTVs), 16 computer workstations, one instructor's computer, one ELMO overhead useful for demonstrating projection and relative distance magnification, two braille embossers, scanners, Voicenotes, one brailnote and the state-of-the-art software installed on all of the computers, including Job Access for Windows (JAWS) and Zoomtext. All are used to make material accessible for learners who are blind and which are taught in our assistive technology (AT)

classes. In addition, those items are used by candidates in most other classes to demonstrate competence in using AT for learners with visual impairments.

CoE Learning Center

For a complete listing of teaching and research facilities available through the NoE Learning Center, which is located in the basement of Gabel Hall, please visit the [center's website](#).

Technology Oasis

The Technology Oasis, located on the south side of the Learning Center in Gabel Hall, provides service, support and training for all types of technology to CoE students, faculty and staff. There is no charge. The facility is staffed by IT professionals and is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment.

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