

# Northwestern University Library Collection Development Policy Statement

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### **I. Brief overview of the collection**

#### **A. History of the collection**

Not applicable

#### **B. Broad subject areas emphasized or de-emphasized**

NUL attempts to collect on the Research Level (Level 4) in the following areas of education: history of education, educational psychology, sociology of education, economics of education, educational research methods, educational testing and measurement, comparative education, theory of education, teaching personnel, guidance and counseling, counseling psychology, early childhood education, elementary education, secondary education, higher education, adult education, educational administration, career and vocational education, education of exceptional children and the gifted, political studies in education, and design and evaluation of educational progress. Cognitive science is also a major interdisciplinary area of interest at Northwestern. NU Library's Curriculum Collection offers a research collection of children's literature as well as K-12 textbooks.

Specialized research materials that are not directly related to education but may be needed for programs and research in the School of Education and Social Policy are purchased by the appropriate bibliographers. Due to the highly interdisciplinary school's programs and faculty members' research interests, coordination of purchases in other areas of the social sciences and the humanities is extremely important.

#### **C. Collection locations**

Collections in education are housed in the University Library.

### **II. Purpose or objectives**

The collections in education are selected to meet the teaching and research needs of several programs at Northwestern.

The School of Education and Social Policy offers undergraduate programs in secondary teaching, social policy, human development and psychological services, and learning and organization change. The Master of Science program includes concentrations in elementary and secondary teaching, school administration, school guidance and counseling, advanced teaching, higher education administration, and corporate training and development. Master's programs are also offered in counseling psychology, the learning sciences, and marital and family therapy. Doctoral programs are available in the learning sciences and in human development and social policy. The library's social science collections also provide additional resources.

### **III. Library unit or title of the selector responsible for this collection**

Education Bibliographer, Collection Management Division

### **IV. Scope of the subject coverage**

#### **A. Language**

Predominantly English; selective in Western European languages, particularly for comparative and higher education

#### **B. Geographical scope**

Emphasis is on the United States; considerable interest in other English-speaking countries; worldwide in comparative and higher education; special attention to Africa by the Africana Collection selectors

**C. Chronological scope**

No limitations; emphasis on current materials and innovative practices; also emphasis on history of education

**D. Publication dates collected**

Primarily current publications. Limited retrospective purchasing

**E. Formats and genres**

**1. Inclusions**

Monographs

Periodicals, in print and electronic format, and access to periodical articles in full-text

Monographic series

Reports and association proceedings, conferences, congresses, institutions, societies, symposia, etc.

Reference works, in print and electronic formats, in cooperation with the Reference Department

Government publications, in print and electronic formats: U.S., with emphasis on the federal level; some publications from international organizations; some U.S. state publications

Selected government publications from countries other than the U.S. are purchased for the Main Library collections

Elementary and secondary school textbooks: selected by the Curriculum

Children's books: selected by the Curriculum Librarian

Microtexts, including a complete file of Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) reports on microfiche. The ERIC Microfiche collection includes

curriculum guides

Electronic formats: library purchased or fee-based access is selected when appropriate

**2. Exclusions**

Introductory college level textbooks

Antiquarian titles

Manuscripts

Non-NU dissertations

Tests

Teaching kits

Audiovisual materials, unless within the scope of the Mitchell Multimedia Center

**V. Acquisitions procedures affecting collection policies**

**A. Standing Orders**

Selected standing orders for monographic series in education are present.

**B. Approval plans and blanket orders**

A major vendor supplies all U.S. university press titles in education according to the library's profile of subject interests. The vendor also supplies notification slips for all titles from major U.S. publishers that fit NU Library's profile in education and related fields.

**C. Gifts and exchanges**

The library welcomes gifts of books and other materials that are of exceptional quality, within the scope of the library's collecting activities, do not duplicate current holdings, and that enhance and support teaching and research at Northwestern.

**VI. Duplication with other NU library units**

United Libraries (Garrett/Seabury): for additional materials on religious education, counseling, and moral education.

Galter Health Sciences Library: for additional materials on psychology and psychiatry.

**VII. Expensive purchases**

Expensive purchases are considered on an individual basis in relation to the scope of the collection policy and to available funding

### **VIII. Interdisciplinary collections**

Acquisitions in education support other disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. Acquisitions in speech education, dramatic education, learning disabilities, education of the hearing impaired, and special education also support programs in the School of Speech. The Music Library covers music education.

Additional interdisciplinary areas of special interest are:

Child, adolescent, and family studies

Cognitive science

Learning sciences

Poverty, race, and inequality

Social policy

### **IX. Purchases with endowed funds**

No endowments available at present time.

### **X. Cooperation with other libraries**

#### **A. Other resources, including local, regional or national libraries**

The Education Bibliographer consults frequently with the education subject specialists at the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois-Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana about expensive purchases, serial holdings, and cooperative projects.

#### **B. Consortia**

See Introduction

### **XI. Policies for purchasing journal article reprints or electronic files on demand**

Not applicable

### **XII. Other factor of local importance**

Center for Research Libraries: textbooks

Other universities with strong collections in education:

National-Louis University, the University of Chicago, The University of Illinois at Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana

### **XIII. Collection levels**

Language Codes: E- English language material predominates, W- Wide selection of foreign language material

| Conspectus subject categories                                    | Current collecting intensity and language code |
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| Education: General   | 3E   |
| History of education   | 3E   |
| Theory and practice of education                                 | 4E   |
| Educational psychology   | 4E   |
| Child study  | 4E   |
| Preschool-12   | 4E   |
| Education and training of teachers                               | 3E   |
| Higher education   | 4E   |
| Consulting, administration, organization                         | 4E   |
| School buildings, equipment, health                              | 3E   |
| Special aspects of education                                     | 4E   |
| Education: Institutions: U.S.                                    | 4E   |
| Education: Institutions: America                                 | 2E   |
| Education: Institutions: Europe                                  | 3F   |
| Education: Institutions: Asia                                    | 4F   |
| Education: Institutions: Africa (selected by Africana selectors) | 5W   |

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| College and school magazines and newspapers | 1E |
| Student fraternities and societies          | 2E |
| Textbooks                                   | 2E |