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Lindenwood University's teacher education program received high honors recently in a report issued by the U.S. Secretary of Education. The Title II report shows Lindenwood in the top quartile of all teacher education programs in the state of Missouri.

But the numbers show LU is even better than that. In 2001-02, there were 145 Lindenwood students who took the Praxis Test--100 percent passed. The Praxis is a national test that assesses a student's competency in their academic subject areas.

"This affirms the excellent preparation our students get in teacher education," said Rick Boyle, dean of the program. "They master their subject content at a level not many others have been able to achieve. We are extremely proud of our faculty and students for a job well done."

Lindenwood President Dennis Spellmann said "Lindenwood is successful when its students are successful. These results couldn't be any better."

Lindenwood University has more than 1,000 graduates teaching in Missouri public and private schools. Currently, there are 1,400 undergraduates in a program that has grown in size by nearly 40 percent recently.

Lindenwood's graduate program is growing at a 10 percent rate. Boyle said the university has partnerships with 28 school districts around Missouri to help teachers get their master's degrees.

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