A great teacher preparation program doesn’t stand still.
To ensure Wyoming has vibrant, innovative teachers for early childhood programs and its K-12 system, the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees in 2014 launched the UW Trustees Education Initiative (TEI).

UW’s new model is so innovative, it’s copyrighted.
Enterprise for Elevating Educational Excellence (UW-E4®) is the UW framework for TEI. The plan is for a teacher preparation journey that emphasizes four Es: career exploration, experiential learning for pre-service teachers, embedded practice in Wyoming districts, and continued support during entry into the profession so they can become top-tier, preeminent educators for Wyoming and beyond.

The trustees started by asking “What would it take?”
The UW College of Education is responding by integrating five key innovations into UW-E4.

Coaching to help good teachers become great.
Wyoming Coaching Laboratory (WYCOLA®) brings together instructional facilitators, mentors, and coaches from school districts throughout Wyoming. Observing active classroom teaching by master teachers and engaging in conversations with their peers are among the WYCOLA activities.
Avatars help develop teaching, coaching, and leadership skills. Mursion® augmented reality lets high school students, emerging pre-service teachers, and teaching leaders practice basic and complex teaching, coaching, and leadership skills with avatars in a simulated environment.

**Integrated ethics training.** The Ethical Educator Program® is based on the Model Code of Ethics for Educators. Responsibility to students, the school community, and the profession, as well as professional competence and responsible use of technology are interwoven throughout teacher training.

**A boost for early childhood education.** Wyoming Early Childhood Outreach Network (WYECON®) is supporting a network of early childhood educators and clinical sites in Wyoming.

**Results that get measured.** The College of Education participates in the Common Indicators System® from Deans for Impact, a national consortium of high-performing programs that use a common set of metrics to support innovation and drive excellence in educator preparation.

**Communications are open.**
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