One of Kentucky’s first Normal schools, Murray State University was established in 1922. 52% of teachers within the 18-county Western Kentucky region are MSU graduates. 398 students were admitted into the teacher education program, as of the fall 2015 semester. 618 undergraduate students were named to the College of Education and Human Services Dean’s List for the fall 2015 semester. Over $100,000 has been distributed to approximately 19 local nonprofit organizations through the Nonprofit Leadership Studies program and related student philanthropy projects since 2008. Over $100 million is awarded annually in financial aid and scholarships by Murray State University. Approximately $358,000 in scholarships was awarded to students of MSU’s College of Education and Human Services in the 2015-2016 academic year. More than $846,000 was received by the College of Education and Human Services in grants during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Notable Numbers

In-House Resources & Support Centers

Advising Center
Center for Environmental Education
Center for Gifted Studies
Counseling & Assessment Center
Curriculum Materials Center
Kentucky Academy of Technology Education (KATE)

Kentucky Center for School Safety at Murray State University
Recruitment & Retention Center
Speech & Hearing Clinic
Teacher Education Services (TES)
Teacher Quality Institute (TQI)
Voice & Swallowing Research Clinic

Accreditations

Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) - since 1954
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) - since 1974
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s (ASHA) Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) - since 1982
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) - since 2014
Recent News & Accomplishments

The new Voice and Swallowing Research Clinic opened in December 2015.

An Ed.D. in P-20 and Community Leadership program is now being offered.

Dr. Susan Edington, MSU assistant professor and 2+2 program coordinator, was appointed to the Kentucky Board of Education.

The annual College and Career Readiness Summit, hosted by TQI, provides quality professional development training to regional educators at no cost.

The coveted "Golden Brain" trophy was awarded to MSU in 2015 when graduate students in the Speech-Language Pathology program won the PRAXIS Bowl at the annual Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention on Communication Disorders.

Holly Bloodworth, an MSU graduate, was named the 2014 Kentucky Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky Department of Education and Ashland, Inc.

A recent articulation agreement between Murray State University and West Kentucky Community and Technical College provides students with more degree options in the area of Criminal Justice.

Kelly Teague, an MSU graduate, was named Kentucky’s 2015 Special Education Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children and the Kentucky Department of Education.

The annual Educators Rising conference is hosted by MSU for regional high school students considering teaching as a career.

Girls Who Code, a national movement aimed at providing computer science exposure to girls in grades 6-12, was previously unrepresented in Kentucky but now has a place at Murray State.

Students' Highlights

**Beautiful Campus** - Located just 20 miles west of Land Between the Lakes (1 of 25 national recreation areas in the U.S.), ours is a picturesque university campus.

**Great Location** - Incoming students often desire to be out on their own without sacrificing the comfort of home. Murray State provides the best of both worlds.

**Ideal Size** - We have approximately 11,000 students and an undergraduate student-faculty ratio of 16:1.

**Strong Support System** - Murray, Kentucky, was named the “Friendliest Small Town in America” by USA TODAY and Rand McNally's 2012 "Best of the Road" rally. With a welcoming, approachable atmosphere and a culture of inclusiveness, the University setting is no different.

**Convenient Programs** - Our 2+2 regional campuses make courses more accessible for those in the Henderson, Hopkinsville, Madisonville, and Paducah areas.

**Education Abroad** - In addition to international teaching opportunities in Belize and Brazil, the University offers several education abroad programs.