what sets gonzaga apart?  

*Cura Personalis “Care for the Entire Person”*: We believe that education at any level is much more than simply having our candidates sit in a class taking notes. By emphasizing the importance of emotional, spiritual, physical, and moral development, we support our candidates as they become fully aware, capable, and creative.

**Discernment:**
“Discernment” requires taking a holistic approach and giving consideration to several possible courses of action, all of which are potentially good. Our candidates exit the program with a high level of focused discernment for challenging situations.

**The Development of Competent, Committed, and Caring School Leaders:** Through role seminars and internships designed to immerse and develop leadership, candidates exit the program prepared to excel.

**Individual Attention:** Our small group size allows for the opportunity to develop exceptional candidates both personally and professionally.

**Support with Professional Goals:** Candidates are mentored by professionals in the field who are committed to the success of each individual.

about gonzaga

Gonzaga is a comprehensive university located in Spokane, Washington. It is dedicated to the Jesuit, Catholic, humanistic ideals of educating the mind, body and spirit to create men and women for others. Located on the north bank of the Spokane River, Gonzaga University inspires and transforms people to shape a better world through education, character, service and faith.

about the school of education

The mission of the School of Education is to prepare socially responsive and discerning practitioners to serve their community and profession.

• We model and promote leadership, scholarship and professional competence in multiple specializations.
• We support an environment that is challenging, inclusive, reflective, and collegial.
• We foster inquiry, intellectual creativity, and evidence-based decision-making to accept the challenges facing a global society.
• We provide academic excellence in teaching, advising, service, and scholarship.
• We promote, support, and respect diversity.

The School of Education upholds the tradition of Humanistic, Catholic, and Jesuit Education.

The mission has been summarized in the theme: "*Socially responsible professionals who serve with care, competence, and commitment.*"

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School leaders face many difficult challenges: legislated learning, under-funded programs, the demands of a global economy, and increasing pressures for school reform, assessment, and accountability. School leadership programs begin with the assumption that school leaders do more than provide effective supervision. Today’s school leaders also work with peers, administrators, and parents to achieve school, district, and state goals. Research on school leadership indicates that student achievement is heavily influenced by the ethos of the school. An effective school ethos is characterized by faculty collegiality, collaboration, and a sense of community in which leaders demonstrate the courage to address tough issues, the commitment and care to improve conditions for everyone in the community, and the individual personal and technical competence to be effective.