

MASTER of EDUCATION (M.Ed.) in Curriculum & Instruction with a Specialization in Elementary Education

Overview

The School of Education offers a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree in Curriculum & Instruction which provides certified teachers with advanced coursework to pursue a specialization in elementary education. The program extends teachers' knowledge beyond initial teacher preparation and/or alternative teacher preparation by focusing on advanced coursework that targets foundations, philosophies, research, content disciplines, pedagogical methods, and materials. Once enrolled, students have five years to complete all requirements for the degree.

Program Structure

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree in Curriculum & Instruction with a Specialization in Elementary Education is a 36 hour program beyond the baccalaureate degree which includes the following **required courses: EDCI 7824 – Elementary School Curriculum (3 hours), EDCI 4800 – Teaching in the Multicultural Classroom (3 hours), ELRC 4507 – Computer Technology in Education (3 hours), and 3 hours of research.**

Beyond required coursework, a total of 12 hours of coursework must be taken in an area of specialization (early childhood, literacy, math, reading, science, social studies, or special education), *as well as* 6-12 hours of electives.

The number of electives, 6-12 hours, depends on whether a student decides to: 1) respond to comprehensive exam questions, 2) complete a final culminating research project, or 3) compose a thesis on a topic related to their area of specialization.

DEGREE OPTION TOTALS

Degree program option	Option hours	Total program hours
Final Exam option	No final exam course	36
Research project option	3 hours EDCI 7475	36
Thesis option	6 hours EDCI 8000	36

Students should meet with their advisor upon acceptance into the degree program to plan a course of study.

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Students enrolled in the Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree in Curriculum & Instruction with a specialization in elementary education includes a total of 12 hours of coursework in an area of specialization such as early childhood, literacy, math, science, social studies, or special education.

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(Students should confer with major professor once admitted to the program to plan a course of study.)

COURSE #	TITLE	HRS.	GRADE	SEMESTER
CURRICULUM STUDIES – 3 Hours Required				
EDCI	7824	Elementary School Curriculum (3)		
		Total (3)		
HUMANISTIC – 3 Hours Required				
EDCI	4800	Teaching in the Multicultural Classroom (3)		
		Total (3)		
TECHNOLOGY – 3 Hours Required				
ELRC	4507	Computer Technology in Education (3)		
		Total (3)		
RESEARCH – 3 Hours Required (possible options)				
ELRC	4249	Understanding and Applying Research in Education (3)		
ELRC	4006	Introduction to Applied Statistics in Educational Settings (3)		
EDCI	7902	Analysis of Research on Teaching (3)		
		Total (3)		
AREA OF SPECIALIZATION – 12 Hours Required				
EDCI				
EDCI				
EDCI				
EDCI				
		Total (12)		
ELECTIVES – 6-12 Hours Required				
EDCI				
EDCI				
EDCI				
EDCI				
		Total (6-12)		
FINAL EXAM – 3-6 Hours				
<i>Final exam option (exam is scheduled with major professor approval, typically within last semester of coursework; no specific course is designated for the final exam option)</i>				
EDCI	7475	Research Project in K-12 Teacher Education (<i>non-thesis, 3 hrs.</i>)		
EDCI	8000	Thesis Research (<i>6 hrs.</i>)		
		Total (3-6)		
TOTAL HOURS FOR DEGREE (36)				

***Graduate School deadlines are student's responsibility; allow adequate time for obtaining all signatures.**