

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

Area of Specialization Options

Each student must select an area of specialization from among the following: early childhood, literacy, math, science, social studies, or special education.

An area of specialization is a combination of 4 courses from a given area, including (possibly) both content and pedagogy courses, to be determined in consultation with the student's major faculty advisor. Faculty strongly recommend that each student seek advisement from his/her major faculty advisor to ensure that appropriate courses are taken to meet the degree requirements.

The School of Education maintains an active website that lists faculty and their areas of specialization and interest. For a list of faculty, see website: www.lsu.edu/education

Depending on the student's choice, the area of specialization: (1) extends the focus area concentration, (2) leads toward an additional certification area, or (3) investigates another aspect of curriculum and instruction of interest to the student.

Graduate School deadlines are a student's responsibility. Deadlines vary and are updated on the LSU Graduate School's website with semester-by-semester calendars and other pertinent information. For up-to-date information including deadlines, requirements, and other information, visit the Graduate School website at: <http://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/graduateschool/>

Please allow adequate time for obtaining all signatures on Graduate School forms.

The following table lists course options available for the areas of specialization.

Area of Specialization	Requirements
Early Childhood	EDCI 7843 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education EDCI 7846 - Diagnostic Teaching in Early Childhood EDCI 7054 - Child Guidance and Behavior EDCI 7059 - Parent Involvement in Early Childhood Education
Literacy (select 4 courses)	EDCI 7106 -Teaching Reading to Students of Diverse Cultural Backgrounds EDCI 7112 - Early Literacy Development and Instruction EDCI 7205 - Critical Analysis of Current Research in Reading EDCI 7311 - Topics in Language Arts Education <i>(LSU Writing Project in summers, 2 course sequence, 6 hours)</i> EDCI 7314 - Teaching Written Composition in the Elementary School EDCI 7315 - Teaching Multicultural Children’s Literature EDCI 7331 - Teaching Literature in the Elementary School EDCI 7314 - Written Composition in Elementary EDCI 7107 - Special Topics: available on a semester-by-semester basis EDCI 7610 - Advanced Seminar & Practicum in C & I <i>(independent study option – can be taken for a total of 6 hrs.)</i> EDCI 7684 - Advanced Internship in Reading <i>(independent study option – taken for a total of 6 hrs.; also available each summer for a limited number of students working with the Tiger Tales Literacy Camp)</i> EDCI 7821 - Problems in Curriculum and Instruction <i>(independent study option – taken for a total of 4 hrs.)</i> EDCI 7822 - Problems in Curriculum and Instruction <i>(independent study option – taken for a total of 4 hrs.)</i> **EDCI 7105 - Teaching Reading in the Elementary School **EDCI 7131 - Developing Learning Skills through Content Reading **EDCI 7682 - Diagnostic/Assessment in Reading <i>(prereq.: EDCI 7105)</i> **EDCI 7683 - Guiding Classroom Instruction <i>(prereqs.: EDCI 7105/7135 and EDCI 7682)</i> **these 4 courses satisfy the State of Louisiana requirements for a Reading Specialist add-on certificate
Cognate Area	Requirements
Mathematics (select 4 courses)	EDCI 7312 - Diagnostic & Prescriptive Teaching of Math EDCI 7309 - Topics in Mathematics Education EDCI 7109 - Studies in the Teaching of Elementary School Mathematics EDCI 7107 - Special Topics: available on a semester-by-semester basis EDCI 7821 - Problems in Curriculum and Instruction <i>(independent study option – taken for a total of 4 hrs.)</i> EDCI 7822 - Problems in Curriculum and Instruction <i>(independent study option – taken for a total of 4 hrs.)</i>
Science (select 4 courses)	EDCI 7247 - Teaching in the Science Laboratory EDCI 7308 - Topics in Science Education EDCI 7307 - Topics in Curriculum & Instruction: available on a semester-by-semester basis EDCI 7821 - Problems in Curriculum and Instruction <i>(independent study option – taken for a total of 4 hrs.)</i> EDCI 7822 - Problems in Curriculum and Instruction <i>(independent study option – taken for a total of 4 hrs.)</i>

Social Studies (select 4 courses)	EDCI 4466 - Critical Issues in Social Studies Teaching EDCI 7110 - Studies in the Teaching of Elementary School Social Studies EDCI 7310 - Topics in Social Education EDCI 7821 - Problems in Curriculum and Instruction (<i>independent study option – taken for a total of 4 hrs.</i>) EDCI 7822 - Problems in Curriculum and Instruction (<i>independent study option – taken for a total of 4 hrs.</i>)
Special Education (select 4 courses)	EDCI 4701 Trends and Issues in Educating Learners with Exceptionalities EDCI 4710 Consultation, Collaboration, and Co-teaching EDCI 7014 Parent Involvement, Community Relations, and Advocacy EDCI 7821 Problems in Curriculum and Instruction (<i>independent study option – taken for a total of 4 hrs.</i>) EDCI 7822 Problems in Curriculum and Instruction (<i>independent study option – taken for a total of 4 hrs.</i>)