

Why Choose the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction?

The Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction gives professional educators the advanced professional development necessary to open several career options as well as providing a foundation to improve their instructional practice. Students eligible for admission to the graduate program must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. When required, candidates should hold or be eligible for professional licensure, registration or certification to practice in the occupational specialty. Previous teaching experience is not a requirement. An admissions committee will review all application materials and recommend appropriate action. Upon admission to the graduate program, each student will be assigned a graduate advisor.

Professional Opportunities

The program enables secondary and elementary educators to advance in their district salary schedules and become educational leaders either as administrators, curriculum directors, or department heads.

Advanced Educational Opportunities

Graduate students, who successfully complete the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, are eligible to pursue their doctorate in education through a collaborative partnership between Ferris State University and Western Michigan University (<http://www.wmich.edu/fcs/cte/ctedoc.htm>).

Admission Requirements

The applicant must possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a 2.75 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. Conditional entry may be granted when the 2.75 requirement has not been met. Once a student has been granted conditional entry, he/she must earn a GPA of 2.75 within the first nine (9) hours of graduate level courses. Consult individual program description for other admission requirements.

Graduation Requirements

The Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction through the School of Education, College of Education and Human Services requires that all students must complete all degree requirements within five (5) years after admission to the M.Ed. Consult individual program descriptions for other graduation requirements.

Required Courses

Credit Hours

Elementary Certification Option (43 credits)		
This option is designed for those who have completed a bachelor's degree in a non-education program with appropriate teaching major/minor(s) and who desire both a master degree and a Michigan Elementary Provisional Teaching Certificate.		
Upon completion of 35 credit hours of certification requirements, the student is eligible to apply for a Michigan Elementary Provisional Certificate and is qualified to begin teaching.		
Upon completion of the Master of Education, Elementary Certification Option, and three years of successful teaching experience, the student is eligible to apply for a Professional Certificate.		
Certification Requirements (35 Credit Hours Required)		
EDUC 501	Prin of Teaching & Learning	3
EDUC 503	Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 513	Instructional Planning & Delivery in Elem/Middle S	4
EDUC 520	Tchg Rdg in Elem/MS 1	3
EDUC 521	Tchg Rdg in Elem/MS 2	3
EDUC 531	Tchg, Eval Lang Arts/SS-Elem/MS	3
EDUC 532	Tchg, Eval Math & Sci-Elem/MS	3
EDUC 533	Tchg, Eval Art/Mus/Hlth/PE	1
EDUC 540	Educ Tech in the Classroom	3
EDUC 594	Elem/MS Directed Teaching	6
EDUC 599	Professional Seminar	2
Not open to students who have not passed all sections of the state-mandated Basic Skills Test.		
Education Requirements (9 Credit Hours Required)		
EDUC 508	Instruc of Excep Learners	3
EDUC 660	Action Research	3
EDUC 680	Capstone-Portfolio/Project	3
NOTE:	Candidates for a secondary or elementary certificate must pass the Michigan Basic Skills test.	
Candidates for an elementary-level teaching certificate must pass the Elementary Education test.		
Candidates for an elementary-level teaching certificate who wish to teach in classrooms in grades 6-8 in specific subject areas must also pass the appropriate subject-area tests in order to qualify for the endorsements.		
Minimum semester credit hours required for career and technical education M.S. degree:		43



More Information

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