

**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**

Secondary Certification Concentration	
Passing scores on MTTC Basic Skills Test is a pre-requisite to this program.	
Certification Requirements (25 Credit Hours Required)	
EDUC 501	Prin of Teaching & Learning 3
EDUC 502	Pre-Teaching Field Experience 1
EDUC 503	Foundations of Education 3
EDUC 504	Curriculum Design & Evaluation 4
EDUC 540	Educ Tech in the Classroom 3
EDUC 543	Reading in the Content Area 3
EDUC 508	Instruc of Excep Learners 3
FIELD EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT: (for vocational majors only: Allied Health, Business, Technical, Wage Earning Home Economics) A separate application packet is required. This must be completed and submitted to the Vocational Authorization Office (BIS 409, 231-591-2830) in order to be eligible for directed/ETR teaching. Two years of wage earning occupational work experience (within the last five (5) years) required. One-year experience plus one semester of EDUC 391 is acceptable. EDUC 391 credit will be granted for approved occupational experience (8 credits maximum).	
	Work Expearence or EDUC 391 8
EDUC 592	Directed Teaching 6
OR	
EDUC 593	Experienced Teacher Review
EDUC 599	Professional Seminar 2
EDUC 592, EDUC 593 and EDUC 599 not open to students who have not passed all sections of the state-mandated Basic Skills Test.	
Education Requirements (7 credits for non-vocational majors or 10 credits for vocational majors)	
ECTE 500	Found & Organization of CTE 3
EDUC 508	Instruc of Excep Learners 3
EDUC 660	Action Research 3
OR	
EDUC 661	3
EDUC 680	Capstone-Portfolio/Project 3
Education Electives (6 credits for non-vocational majors or 3 credits for vocational majors)	
EDUC 518	Diversity/Classroom & Workplace 3
EDUC 516	Issues in Education 3
ECTE 521	Ldrshp & Organ Dynamics 3
EDUC 560	Adv Application of Ed Tech 2
EDUC 570	Teaching/Learning Theories 3
EDUC 595	Content/Instructional Workshops/Seminars 1-2
EDUC 601	Curriculum Leadership/Development 3
EDUC 606	Funding/Financing Educ Programs 3
EDUC 620	Adv Integrated Curriculum Design/Eval 3
EDUC 630	School Law 3
ECTE 650	Implementing TQM in EDUC 3
EDUC 694	Graduate Topics in Education 1-2
EDUC 697	Special Studies in CTE 1-2
EDUC 694	Graduate Topics in Education
EDUC 697	Special Studies in CTE



**More Information**

College of Education & Human Services  
 Bishop Hall Room 421, Ferris State University  
 1349 Cramer Circle, Big Rapids, MI 49307-2737  
 Phone: 231-591-5361

Minimum semester credit hours required for career and technical education M.S. degree: 38

Note: Though faculty advisors are responsible for advising students regarding degree requirement, it is the student who is ultimately responsible for choosing the correct courses and for following the correct program.