

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES (M.A.)

Purpose

The purpose of the Master of Arts in Educational Studies program is to provide students who work in an educational setting an opportunity to pursue a non-licensure master's degree with an education core and two areas of study tailored to their unique career objectives.

Program Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- Analyze philosophical foundations of education through a Christian worldview.
- Evaluate instructional methods based on theories related to teaching and learning.
- Synthesize educational philosophy and knowledge of the literature of the education discipline.

Program of Study

Delivery Format: Online Only

- Educational Studies (M.A.)

Areas of Study

The Master of Arts in Educational Studies program gives you the opportunity to combine 2 unique areas of study to customize your major with multiple disciplines.

Autism Education

Code	Title	Hours
Autism Education Area of Study ¹		
EDUC 621	Educational Assessment for Special Needs	3
EDUC 626	Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Assessment	3
EDUC 628	Communication, Language and Sensory Aspects for Autism	3
Total Hours		9

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Early Childhood

Code	Title	Hours
Early Childhood Area of Study ¹		
EDEC 653	Current Issues in Early Childhood Education	3
EDEC 655	Organization and Administration of Pre-Schools	3
EDEC 670	Curriculum and Methods for Early Childhood Education	3
Total Hours		9

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Educational Leadership

Code	Title	Hours
Educational Leadership Area of Study ¹		
EDUC 638	Leadership in Educational Technology	3
EDUC 642	Leadership and Supervision in Education	3
EDUC 644	School Leadership in Diverse Settings	3
Total Hours		9

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English

Code	Title	Hours
English Area of Study ¹		
ENGL 607	Composition Studies	3
ENGL 633	Advanced English Grammar	3
ENGL 656	Studies in World Literatures	3
Total Hours		9

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Gifted Education

Code	Title	Hours
Gifted Education Area of Study ¹		
EDGL 526	Identification and Education of the Gifted Learner	3
EDGL 619	Supporting the Social, Emotional, and Guidance Needs of the Gifted	3
EDGL 620	Curriculum and Methods for Teaching Gifted Learners	3
Total Hours		9

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Health & Wellness

Code	Title	Hours
Health and Wellness Area of Study ¹		
EXSC 640	Public Health and Physical Activity	3
EXSC 660	Fitness Assessment and Programming	3
HLTH 640	Principles of Nutrition	3
Total Hours		9

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History

Code	Title	Hours
History Area of Study		
HIUS 512	American Revolution	3
HIWD 555	World War II	3
HIWD 560	History of the Atlantic World	3
Total Hours		9

Middle Grades

Code	Title	Hours
Middle Grades Area of Study ¹		
EDUC 601	Professional Development in Middle Grades Education	3
EDUC 635	Teaching Science in the Middle School	3
EDUC 637	Teaching Social Studies in the Middle School	3
Total Hours		9

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Online Learning

Code	Title	Hours
Online Learning Area of Study ¹		
EDUC 629	Technology and Diversity	3
EDUC 631	Foundations of Educational Technology and Online Learning	3
EDUC 633	Principles of Design and Management in Educational Technology and Online Learning	3
Total Hours		9

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Urban Education

Code	Title	Hours
Urban Education Area of Study ¹		
EDUC 540	Historical Perspectives in Urban Education	3
EDUC 543	Urban Schools and Communities	3
EDUC 544	Research in Urban Education	3
Total Hours		9

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Career Opportunities

- Private school teacher
- Private school administrator
- Educational consultant
- Online educator
- Educational technology director