Emphasis - Special Education Online

M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction

Description
The M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction is offered with four emphasis areas: elementary education, special education, literacy education, and secondary education. The latter emphasis can also be completed with one of four specializations: English education, mathematics education, science education (biology, physics, and chemistry), and social studies education. For each program, candidates engage in readings, research, discussions, simulations, reflections, applications, and field experiences/clinical practices intended to help them grow as reflective education professionals.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

Goals/Mission Statement
The philosophy of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, as it applies to the preparation of teachers, is reflected by the belief that teachers should be prepared to - Develop and engage in appropriate teaching strategies by studying, interacting, practicing, and reflecting; - Collaborate in identifying and meeting the broad range of goals for which schools are responsible in today's society; - Show by modeling and encouraging students the dispositions of leading, thinking, problem solving, and lifelong learning; - Respect and serve culturally diverse populations and communities; and - Assume responsibility for the quality and effectiveness of their professional lives.

Course Requirements
The department of curriculum and instruction offers the Master of Education (M.Ed.) and Educational Specialist (Ed.S.), with emphases in elementary education, secondary education, literacy education, special education, and special education online, the Master of Arts (M.A.) (Teacher Corps option), the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in elementary education, and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in secondary education.

Entrance to all M.Ed. programs requires the following:
1. Verification of National Board Certification OR an OFFICIAL COPY of passing Praxis II scores on either the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) (minimum score 156) OR the required subject area exam according to department requirements. Contact the department for test codes and minimum scores. GRE scores are required for spring 2009 applicants. Praxis II scores and National Board Certification will not be accepted after fall 2008.
2. A copy of the Class A (standard five-year) license OR proof of eligibility to hold a standard teaching license.
3. Minimum GPA of 3.0 on all previous course work.
4. Two disposition assessment forms completed as indicated on form. Contact the department for copies of these forms.

Other Academic Requirements
Candidates who are conditionally admitted or who elect to enroll as nondegree-seeking students may take only 9 hours and are NOT eligible for financial aid.