

# Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction Description

The Ed.S. degree provides students with educational development beyond the master's level. Graduates may pursue this degree to obtain additional credentials or as a step while deciding whether to work for a doctoral degree. Specialist's degree candidates address national board standards with special emphasis on lifelong learning and development of leadership skills.

## 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 Ed.S. degree requires 30 semester hours of course work beyond the master's level. Students must complete an emphasis in either elementary, secondary, or special education. The requirements include a set of foundation courses, a set of specialization requirements (in either elementary, secondary, or special education), and a selection of emphasis area and elective courses.

#### Other Academic Requirements

Specialist's candidates must complete a minimum of 65 hours of approved field experiences and submit a scholarly paper to a refereed journal.

### **Specializations**

- Emphasis Elementary Education
  - Specialization Language Arts/Reading
  - Specialization Math/Science
- Emphasis Secondary Education
  - Specialization English
  - Specialization Math
  - Specialization Science/Biology
  - Specialization Science/Chemistry
  - Specialization Science/Physics
  - Specialization Social Studies
- Emphasis Special Education NA

