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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.

Other Academic Requirements

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Course Requirements

The Ed.S. degree requires 30 semester hours of coursework beyond the master's level. Required courses (27 hours) and an elective (3 hours) include:

- Edci 602 Curriculum Construction
- Edci 618 Effective Technology Integration in the Classroom
- Edci 635 Reflective Teaching
- Edci 651 Independent Study
- Edci 690 Seminar in Education
- Edci 699 Advanced Methods
- Edci 730 Foundations of Research
- Edci 732 Action Research
- Educ 692 Current Trends and Issues in Diversity Education
- Electives course - selected with approval of adviser.

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