Master of Education in Teaching and Curriculum

The 30-credit Master of Education degree in Teaching and Curriculum is designed to enhance the skills of teachers for public and private schools. The program focuses on three essential components – curriculum, instruction, and assessment – that contribute to the organization’s philosophy of learning. The Teaching and Curriculum Program is unified by its vision of critical thinking, democracy, diversity, life–long learning, nurturance, and scholarship. Courses are designed to reflect the standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

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Curriculum

The Master of Education degree in Teaching and Curriculum provides students with two alternatives:

1. course work with a master’s project (EDUC 587)
2. course work that includes a capstone course (EDUC 591)

Both programs require the completion of 30 credits: 18 credits of core courses and 12 credits of electives. Individuals who select the capstone course option must complete all other degree requirements prior to enrolling in the capstone course. Students may complete the degree requirements for either of the two options with the approval of their adviser.

At least 18 credits must be at the 500-level or higher.

Visit for complete details.

Testimonials

I can admit, I wasn’t the most confident when I started my Master’s program two years ago. Coming straight from my undergraduate studies, I didn’t know how much I would be able to contribute since my peers had years of prior teaching experience. However, as I progressed in my classes and assistantship, I became more confident in my roles as a graduate student as well as an educator. All of the professors made me feel like part of the team, while also encouraging me to continue to strive in my education. I have also accomplished things that I never thought I would in just two short years of the program. I greatly appreciate this opportunity that I’ve been given at Penn State Harrisburg, and can’t wait to apply what I have learned as I begin my career in education.

Amber Beaman

Courses

Prescribed Core Course Requirements

Educational Foundations
- EDUC 505 CURRICULUM FOUNDATIONS (3)

Curriculum Development and Instructional Design
- EDUC 506 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN (3) Prerequisite: EDUC 505
- EDUC 403 CURRICULUM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD (3) (Early Childhood only) Prerequisite: EDUC 505

Learning Theory
- EDUC 520 LEARNING THEORY FOR THE CLASSROOM (3)

Measurement and Evaluation
- EDUC 539 EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT (3). Prerequisite: EDUC 520
- EDUC 404 YOUNG CHILDREN’S BEHAVIOR: OBSERVATION AND EVALUATION (3) (Early Childhood only) Prerequisite: EDUC 505

Educational Research Designs
- EDUC 586 EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH DESIGNS (3). Prerequisite: EDUC 539

Culminating Course/Project
- EDUC 587 MASTER’S PROJECT (3) or
- EDUC 591 EDUCATION SEMINAR (3)

Electives

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<td>GPA</td>
<td>Candidates must have achieved an overall junior/senior grade point average of 3.00 or higher on a 4.0 scale. For candidates applying for admission who have completed credits beyond the baccalaureate degree, we will evaluate the last (approximately) 60 credits completed.</td>
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<td>Supporting Materials</td>
<td>✓ Two letters of recommendation from former professors who can attest to the academic ability of the candidate ✓ A statement describing how your professional experiences and academic work led you to pursue a Masters of Education in Teaching and Curriculum. What issues and topics in education are important to you? How might graduate coursework influence your aspirations as an educator? (Minimum 500 words.) ✓ Test scores from one of the following: ✓ Graduate Record Examination (GRE) ✓ Miller Analogies Test or ✓ Praxis examinations completed for certification.</td>
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Application Deadline

This program has rolling admission, that is, no specific deadline. Note that it may take 4-6 weeks to receive transcripts and process an application.