

Education

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- Masters: (1)

The School of Education prepares students to become collaborative, proactive educational professionals committed to improving the quality of leading, teaching and learning in a variety of organizational contexts.

Our course work integrates scholarly and clinical activities oriented toward practical application of intellectual, democratic, and ethical aspects of education. The School of Education offers two master's degrees: M. A. in Educational Leadership and M. A. in Education. Numerous excellent graduate certificates and endorsements are available for development of educational expertise including Certificate of Advanced Study leading to a Superintendent Endorsement and/ a Chief School Business Official Endorsement.

All Programs are approved by the Illinois State Board of Education.

THE MASTER'S DEGREE

The M.A. in Education is designed specifically for educators who wish to assume leadership roles within and beyond the classroom. With this degree, students can customize a program of study or add a certificate or endorsement in one of many areas: Learning Behavior Specialist 1, English as a Second Language, Education Technology Specialist, Computer Science, Legal Aspects of Education, Higher Education Pedagogy, and Leadership and Learning. The principalship endorsement cannot be completed within this master's program

The master's degree requires the completion of 36 semester credit hours of course work.

Advising

Students are assigned an advisor when they are admitted to the program. The advisor will contact the student during the first semester of enrollment. The academic advisor will assist students in planning their program of study.

Grading Policy

Students should refer to the campus policy on Grades Acceptable Toward Master's Degrees section of this catalog.

Program Learning Outcomes

Program Goals include:

- Prepare educational leaders for leadership positions in a variety of organizational contexts
- Prepare educational leaders to meet state and national standards
- Improve practices in education

- Prepare educators to pass appropriate state testing for career movement

Requirements

There are four core area requirements for the M.A. Education Degree

Required Courses

Research		
EDL 541	Educational Research Methods	4
or EDL 505	Introduction To Research	
Educational Leadership		
EDL 542	Action Research for Leadership	4
PAD 481	Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Advocacy	4
Electives ¹		20
Master's Closure		
EDL 586	Capstone Project ²	4
Total Hours		36

¹ Students may take any 500-level EDL courses to satisfy the elective requirement with the exception of: EDL 526, EDL 527, EDL 531, EDL 532, EDL 586, and EDL 598

² If EDL 586 is not completed during initial enrollment, students must register for EDL 598 for zero credit hours (one billable hour) during fall and spring semesters until the project is completed

Students can choose a certificate or endorsement to add as a concentration. There topics include, but are not limited to Educational Technology, English as a Second Language, Higher Education Pedagogy, Computer Science, Leadership and Learning, Legal Aspects of Education, or Learning Behavior Specialist 1 (LBS1). Students may also design their own concentration based on an area of interest in consultation with an advisor or faculty.

ONLINE DEGREE

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