

# EDUCATION SPECIALIST (ED.S.) IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

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The Ed.S. program in Secondary Education is designed for Middle and High School teachers and curriculum leaders who already have a Master's degree in Education, a cognate area, or a field related to their teaching license. This program provides students with the opportunity to focus on advanced graduate study in secondary education with a disciplinary focus such as Math, English, Biology, Health, History, Business, Spanish, English Language Learners, Reading and Writing, Math/Science or Humanities:English/History.

Students may use the program to further their career advancement and as a possible pathway to professional educator licensure through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Ed.S. Degree (Education Specialist) is the equivalent to a C.A.G.S (Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study).

## Admission

Candidates for the Ed.S. program in Secondary Education will be required to meet the competencies established by the graduate program for all candidates seeking an Education Specialist degree through Worcester State University. In addition, students will be required to demonstrate evidence of an earned Master of Education or Master's in a related field with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

## Items Needed to Apply:

- Online application found at [www.worcester.edu/apply](http://www.worcester.edu/apply)
- Essay explaining reason for pursuing this degree program
- Application fee
- Two letters of recommendation from professional or academic sources
- Official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended, demonstrating evidence of an earned Master of Education or Master's degree in a related field with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from a regionally accredited institution
- Official transcript evaluation for any transcript from outside the United States
- An English language proficiency test if the student's academic background is not in English

## Program of Study

This program consists of a minimum of ten (10) courses for a minimum of thirty (30) graduate credits, which are selected with the approval of the program coordinator, plus a two credit Research Forum. There is one course in the philosophical, sociological, or cultural foundations of education; two or three courses in secondary education areas such as curriculum, assessment, leadership and/or instruction; four or five courses in a disciplinary focus such as Math, History, Biology, English, Spanish, Reading, or Language and Culture; one course in research methods; and a three to six credit research project. At the conclusion of the program, students will enroll in a 2 Credit Research Forum for their Comprehensive Exam.

## Requirements of the Program

Minimum of 30 credits plus 2 credit Research Forum including:

Code	Title	Credits
	Education Foundations	3
	Secondary Education	6-9
	Disciplinary Focus	12-15
	Research Design and Methodology	3
	Research Project	3-6
	Comprehensive Exam in Secondary Education/Research Forum	2

Code	Title	Credits
3 Credits in Education Foundations selected from courses such as:		3
ED-981	Advanced Foundations of Education	
ED-987	Social, Political, and Cultural Issues In Education	
ED-997	Advanced Philosophical Foundations of Education	
ES-943	Foundations in International and Comparative Education	

Code	Title	Credits
6-9 Credits in Secondary Education selected from courses such as:		6-9
ED-958	Middle School Curriculum and Instruction : Strategies and Modification	
ED-959	Assessment, Differentiation and Data Analysis in Middle School	
ED-963	The Understanding and Teaching of Culture	
ED-965	Principles of Curriculum Development	
ED-968	Seminar in Curriculum and Instruction	
ED-974	Curriculum Development and Innovations (Secondary School)	
ED-975	Assessment, Differentiation and Data Analysis in Secondary Schools	
ES-903	The Art of Teaching Adolescents	
ES-915	Secondary School Curriculum Development: Theory and Practice	
ES-917	Approaches to Teaching in the Secondary Schools: Theory and Practice	

12 Credits in a Disciplinary Focus such as:  
12-15

Math  
 English  
 Biology  
 History  
 Spanish  
 English Language Learners  
 Reading and Writing

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<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
3 Credits in Research Design:		3
EA-939	Action Research Project I	

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
3-6 Credits in Research Project:		3-6
EA-940	Action Research Project II	

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
2 Credits in Comprehensive Exam/Research Forum:		2
EA-941	Educational Lead Research Forum	

- Design and conduct an action research study related to secondary education.
- Use educational research strategically to respond to problems in secondary education.
- Advance their content area expertise within their field in secondary education.
- Actively engage with professional organizations and journals within their field of education.