

MASTER OF EDUCATION

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This flexible program is designed for students with a variety of educational backgrounds who wish to pursue a Master of Education without teacher licensure. The program focuses on curriculum studies and students' professional interests through a variety of electives in content or pedagogy. Students in this program come from higher education, administration, public and private PK-12 schools, coaching, non formal education, international education, and other fields. While teacher licensure is not required for admissions, teachers with an initial license may use this degree to meet their own professional goals including career advancement, professional licensure, and professional development.

Admissions Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements for graduate study at WSU, candidates must:

- Hold a Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited Institution or from a recognized foreign institution of higher education
- Have an undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher.

Items Needed to Apply:

- Online application found at 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 showing a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher
- 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
- GREs are required, but are waived with passing scores on MTEL, possession of a Massachusetts initial or professional teaching license, or an earned master's degree

All students in the M.Ed. Program in Education take three required core courses: Advanced Foundations in Education at the beginning of their program and Research in Education and Thesis Seminar in their final two semesters. Students work closely with the Program Coordinator to select electives in each of the five required areas: Curriculum Development, Diversity, Assessment, Educational Technology, and Leadership/Administration; as well as their open electives which can be in Education or in another discipline. Students may complete the 36 credit minimum M.Ed. in Education program with part-time or full-time status.

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		(9 credits)
ED-981	Advanced Foundations of Education	3
ED-982	Research in Education	3
ED-994	Thesis Seminar	3

Elective Requirements	(27 credits)
1 Course in Curriculum Development	3
1 Course in Diversity	3
1 Course in Assessment	3
1 Course in Educational Technology	3
1 Course in Educational Administration/Leadership in Curriculum	3
4 Elective Courses – either Education or content area courses	12
Total Credits	36

- Demonstrate an understanding of philosophical foundations in education.
- Explore areas of curriculum, assessment, diversity and technology in education.
- Design a research study that receives approval to be conducted ethically.
- Apply research skills to conduct and present educational research.