

Curriculum and Instruction MEd

The Master's of Education (MEd) degree in Curriculum and Instruction is for Texas certified teachers interested in the improvement of classroom teaching through advanced studies in the content and methodology of subjects taught in elementary classrooms. The major in curriculum and instruction, available primarily to experienced teachers, prepares graduates to

1. improve student engagement and teaching effectiveness and
2. qualify for leadership positions in settings for which the master's degree is required, and
3. teach at the community college or dual credit classes at the high school level.

A graduate with a major in curriculum and instruction should possess knowledge of the research and literature in curriculum and instruction, curriculum and instructional design in subjects taught in elementary schools, effective teaching practices, and the teaching of students who are culturally diverse.

Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Part A. Required Core Courses (18 sch)

EDCI 538	Classroom Mgmt for Tchrs	3
EDCI 559	Diversity & Equity in Edu	3
EDCI 545	Issues in the Development of Curriculum	3
or RDG 567	Practicum in Literacy C&I Intervention, Coaching, and Campus Leadership in ECE-12	
*Note: RDG 567 is only for Reading Specialist Certificate		
EDCI 575	Differentiated Curriculum	3
EDCI 527	Integrating Digital Literacies Into Traditional Instructional Settings	3
EDCI 595	Research Lit Tech (3 semester hours required)	3
or BLED 595	Research Methods in Bilingual/ESL Education	
Total Hours		18

Part B. You may choose from the following areas of emphasis, add/apply for a certificate, or choose to do an interdisciplinary emphasis of your choice. (12-18 semester hours)

Bilingual Education Emphasis

BLED 501	Theoretical Foundations of Bilingual/ESL Education	3
BLED 502	Biliteracy Development, Instruction, and Assessment	3
BLED 503	Content Area Instruction for Emergent Bilinguals	3
Elective (3 semester hours)		
Choose one BLED elective		3
Total Hours		12

Early Childhood Emphasis

ECE 535	Math Science and Social Studies Curriculum	3
ECE 536	Literacy Development in the Early Years	3
ECE 537	Creative Expression in the Art	3
ECE 561	Child Development	3
Total Hours		12

Secondary Education Emphasis

SED 521	Models of Tchng Sec Schl	3
SED 590	Seminar in Secondary Education	3
SED 528	Learning Theories and Philosophy	3
SED 513	Secondary Schl Curriculum	3
Total Hours		12

Literacy Emphasis

RDG 520	Literacy and Instruction I: Literacy Foundations In Emergent and Early Readers	3
RDG 521	Literacy & Instruction II: Comprehension Processes and Strategies in Later Elem., MS, & HS	3
RDG 528	Centering and Integrating Authentic Writing Experiences in the Literacy Classroom	3
RDG 540	Content Area Literacy	3
Total Hours		12

Reading Specialist Certification

RDG 520	Literacy and Instruction I: Literacy Foundations In Emergent and Early Readers	3
RDG 521	Literacy & Instruction II: Comprehension Processes and Strategies in Later Elem., MS, & HS	3
RDG 528	Centering and Integrating Authentic Writing Experiences in the Literacy Classroom	3
RDG 540	Content Area Literacy	3

*To seek a Texas Reading Specialist Certification, there is an additional application process.

**EDCI 527 and RDG 567 taken in the Core (Part A) are required for Reading Specialist Certificate

Total Hours		12
--------------------	--	-----------

Instructional Coach Certificate

EDCI 535	Ldrshp & Supv in Sch	3
EDCI 501	Foundations of Instructional Coaching	3
EDCI 566	Practicum in Curriculum and Instruction, Coaching, and Campus Leadership in ECE-12	3
One course from the following:		
SED 513	Secondary Schl Curriculum	3
ECE 560	Early Child Curric Design	3
RDG 540	Content Area Literacy	3

*To get the Instructional Coach certificate awarded, there is an additional application process.

Total Hours		12
--------------------	--	-----------

STEM Certificate

EDCI 520	Introduction to STEM Education	3
EDCI 525	Project Based Learning	3
EDCI 540	Mathematics Instruction for the 21st Century#Instruction	3
EDCI 541	Science Instruction for 21st Century Learners	3

*To get the STEM certificate awarded, there is an additional application process.

Dual Credit (18 sch)

Graduate Level Content Courses	18
--------------------------------	----

*To get credentials to teach dual credit, you will take 18 hours of content specific graduate courses (ie: English, Biology, Chemistry, History, Math, etc.)

*Work with your emphasis advisor to identify appropriate courses.

Total Hours	30-36
--------------------	--------------

Note: Successful completion of the Comprehensive Exam is required of all students.