



SOUTHWESTERN
COLLEGE

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION



Graduate Degree

The master's level curriculum and instruction program will have you ready for career advancement in education. Learners choose from five areas of emphasis and learn from experienced education professionals who bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the virtual classroom setting. Education students at Southwestern experience flexible online classes taught in 12-week sessions, granting them the ability to work toward their degree while they balance their teaching career and home life.

Convenient

Five start dates per year

Enhanced Curriculum

Program is grounded in the precepts of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards

Flexible

Online classes

Expert Instruction

Learn from experienced educators

About Southwestern College

Southwestern College Professional Studies offers practical online degree programs focused on an enhanced learner experience, provided by a regionally accredited, 130+ year old non-profit institution. Each learner can expect: hands-on counselors to help you navigate your program requirements; generous transfer credits to reduce your overall cost and time to completion; progressive, nationally recognized programs; accessible student resources to minimize the stress of degree completion; and small class sizes with experienced, practicing faculty to facilitate interaction and ensure your academic success.



Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Core Major Requirements

In the Professional Core:

- EDUC501 Current Educational Trends
- EDUC518 Educational Practice and Innovation
- EDUC530 Curriculum Development
- EDUC542 Instructional Design
- EDUC549 Race, Class, and Power in Schools

In Research and Assessment:

- EDUC512 Action Research
- EDUC543 Assessments, Tests and Measurements

Portfolio:

- EDUC562 Portfolio

Area of Emphasis - Generalist:

- EDUC520 Instruction and English Language Learners
- EDUC540 Creating Community in the Classroom
- EDUC560 Investigating Student Work
- EDUC615 Literacy Assessment and Intervention

Area of Emphasis - English for Speakers of Other Languages:

- EDUC520 Instruction and English Language Learners
- EDUC560 Investigating Student Work
- EDUC550 Introduction to Language and Linguistics
- EDUC590 Teaching English as a Second Language and Assessing Language Competency

Area of Emphasis - Early Childhood Education

- EDUC525 Collaboration with Families and Communities
- EDUC614 Advanced Theory and Practice for Early Childhood Education
- EDUC618 Classroom Management and Organization - Early Childhood Settings
- EDUC622 Teaching Methods and Practice in Early

Area of Emphasis - Special Education (Toward Additional Licensure)

- EDUC514 Introduction to Special Education
- EDUC523 Instructional Strategies: Learning Difficulties
- EDUC524 Introduction to Special Education
- EDUC558 (K-6) OR 559 (6-12) Initial Practicum in Adaptive Special Education

- EDUC615 Literacy Assessment and Intervention
- EDUC522 Instructional Strategies: Behavior Difficulties
- EDUC528 Collaboration with Parents and Professionals

Area of Emphasis - School Improvement Planning and Technology

- EDUC502 School Improvement Planning
- EDUC505 Creating Networks to Collaborate Practice
- EDUC510 Integrating Technology Across Disciplines
- EDUC532 Technology in Special Education

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete the specific program requirements of the master's program
2. Have an overall grade point average of 3.0, with no grade below a C (2.0)
3. Complete at least 30 credit hours

Program Description

The Master of Education degree at Southwestern College meets the needs of teachers and provides assistance for those seeking national certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Majors in curriculum and instruction, special education, and early childhood education are offered. Additionally, majors in educational leadership and teacher leadership are offered within the Ed.D. program. Most Southwestern graduate students are professionals employed in education or other fields. To accommodate the needs of these graduate students, graduate classes are scheduled evenings and weekends in six-week, twelve-week, or sixteen-week sessions.

Admission Requirements

1. Complete graduate application forms
2. Provide current resume
3. Submit two professional letters of recommendation (at least one from a current or former employer)
4. Turn in one-page personal essay
5. Submit an official transcript from a bachelor's degree-granting institution. Official transcripts must be received within 8 weeks following the start of class.

Candidates not seeking additional licensure may substitute one of the following:

All degree requirements are subject to change. Please see the Southwestern College Catalog for the most current degree requirements. All course descriptions can be found online at ps.sckans.edu

