



SOUTHWESTERN
COLLEGE

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

TEACHING



Graduate Degree

Prepare yourself for advancement in the field of education with your master's degree in teaching from Southwestern College! The well-rounded curriculum consists of courses including psychology, special education, teaching methods, and classroom management, preparing graduates for a variety of education positions! Courses are taught online by education experts, providing learners a better, more flexible college experience so they can attend classes from anywhere while they continue to work and raise a family.

Convenient

Five start dates per year

Become Licensed Teacher

In secondary education in the state of Kansas

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 Arts in Teaching

Core Major Requirements

- EDUC512 Action Research
- EDUC524 Introduction to Special Education
- EDUC549 Race, Class and the Power of Schools
- EDUC601 Seminar
- EDUC602 Education Foundations
- EDUC603 Education Psychological/Learning Theories
- EDUC604 Content Area Literacy
- EDUC605 Teaching in the Content Areas
- EDUC606 Teaching Methods
- EDUC607 Student Teaching Practicum
(for traditional licensure pathway while concurrently enrolled in EDUC609) **OR**
- EDUC608 Restricted Licensure Practicum
(for candidate under *restricted licensure* pathway repeated credit-required each semester the candidate is teaching under a restricted license)
- EDUC609 Teaching Portfolio
(*restricted licensure* candidates must complete during their last semester of enrollment)
- EDUC526 Classroom Management

Choose one of the following:

- EDUC610 Developmental Psychology
- EDUC518 Educational Practice and Innovation

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 Arts in teaching degree at Southwestern College provides graduate courses toward Kansas teacher licensure for grades 6-12 for graduates who have received baccalaureate or higher degrees in the following areas: biology, chemistry, English, social sciences, mathematics, and speech/theatre. The program requires a minimum of 36 hours of courses toward licensure for grades P-12 for graduates who have received baccalaureate or higher degrees in music and physical education. The graduate program does not include a pathway to early childhood or elementary licensure. A transcript review is conducted to determine if additional graduate courses may be needed to meet all Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) content standards associated with a teaching license. A content area deficiency plan is developed if additional courses are needed. Two pathways to licensure exist within the M.A.T. program: restricted and traditional. Candidates pursuing the M.A.T. under the restricted pathway, have been hired to teach in their content area while they are pursuing initial teaching license. The traditional pathway allows students to pursue licensure after achieving their undergraduate degree.

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.
6. Baccalaureate (or higher) degree in a subject area where Kansas has secondary (grades 6-12) licensure available
7. Passing Praxis II test scores in the content area for which licensure is being sought
8. Declare intent to seek, or not to seek, restricted teaching license/employment as a classroom teacher

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

