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**Program Guide  
Masters of Education –  
Alternative Certification for Teaching (ACT) Track**

**Phase One/ License (minimum 18 hours)**

Directions: Level I admission must be completed before you advance to Level II and then to Level III

**Level I: Graduate Admission**

<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>Date</b>
Content courses for certification completed; transcript evaluation needed		
Praxis I taken and passed or exempted		
Praxis II taken and passed		
GRE or MAT taken		
Overall 2.5 on 4.0 GPA		
Admitted to Graduate School		

**Level II: Skills, Abilities, and Dispositions**

<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Results</b>			<b>Date</b>
Group Interview	Successful	Possible	Unsuccessful	
On-site writing	Successful	Possible	Unsuccessful	
Work History Review	Successful	Possible	Unsuccessful	
Background check	Successful	Possible	Unsuccessful	

**Level III: Program Prerequisites**

<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Results</b>			<b>Date</b>
School Observation	Successful	Possible	Unsuccessful	
English Proficiency Performance	Successful	Needs Improvement	Unsuccessful	
Technology Proficiency Performance	Successful	Needs Improvement	Unsuccessful	
Liability Insurance	Yes	No		

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<b>Phase I COURSES</b>	<b>HOURS</b>	<b>SEMESTER offered</b>	<b>FIELD EXPERIENCE</b>
MSED 7001 Planning for Teaching	3	Summer	40 hours of field experience
MSED 7002 Content Methods	3	Summer	40 hours of field experience
MSED 7003 Middle or Secondary School Experiences	3	Fall	40 hours of field experience
MSED 7005 Teaching Internship I Requires full time employment or placement in middle grades or secondary classroom in your field of licensure	2	Fall	
MSED 7006 Teaching Internship II Requires full time employment or placement in middle grades or secondary classroom in your field of licensure	3	Spring	
MSED 7004 Reading and Writing for Diverse Populations 4 – 12	3	Spring	40 hours of field experience
MSED 7007 Integrating Technology in the Content Area	1	Summer	
RSCH 7100 could be taken with MSED 7007	3	Summer	Part of master's program part II
<b>ADDITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE CONTENT COURSES NEEDED TO MEET CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS</b>			
<b>Master's Program Part II</b>			
PSYC 7010 Learning & Assessment	3	Offered every semester	
LEAD 7210 Ethics & Law	1	Offered every semester	
The following four courses must be taken in sequence			
MSED 7000 Professional Seminar I	3	Fall semester	
MSED 7010 Current Issues & Trends	3	Spring semester	
MSED 7650 Teaching Practicum	2	Fall semester	
MSED 7800 Professional Seminar	3	Spring Semester	

Continuous involvement in the program is necessary to continue to receive grant for tuition.

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**Courses**

- MSED 7001 Planning for Teaching (3 hours, offered summer)  
Modules within the course
- Lesson plans
  - Classroom management
  - Assessment and student file information
  - Characteristics of effective teachers
  - Motivation and the classroom environment
  - Exceptional children characteristics and needs
  - Dispositions
- MSED 7002 Content Methods (3 hours offered summer)  
Modules within the course
- Setting goals and identifying essential questions
  - Designing instruction
  - Differentiated Instruction
  - Teaching strategies for each content area
  - Culturally appropriate instruction
  - Exceptional children
  - Dispositions
  - Effective teachers
- MSED 7003 Middle and Secondary Experiences (3 hours offered fall)  
Modules within the course
- Understanding young adults as learners
  - Nature and needs of middle graders
  - Nature and needs of secondary students
  - Effective schools
  - Recognizing and addressing diversity in the classroom and community
  - Contextual factors that impact teaching and learning
  - Learning styles and multiple intelligences
  - Exceptional children
  - Dispositions
- MSED 7004 Reading and Writing for Diverse Populations 4-12 (3 hours offered spring)
- Exceptional children instructions and adaptations
  - Dispositions
  - Communicating with parents
  - Theory
  - Assessment
- MSED 7005 Teaching Internship I (2 hours offered fall)  
Requires full time employment on a provisional certificate or placement in middle grades or secondary classroom in your field of licensure
- MSED 7006 Teaching Internship II (3 hours offered spring)  
Requires full time employment on a provisional certificate or placement in middle grades or secondary classroom in your field of licensure

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MSED 7007 Integrating Technology in the Content Areas (1)

**Plus any deficiency courses in the academic discipline required for licensure. These are not included in the master's program; they are in addition to the master's program of study. These courses must be completed before admission to program.**

<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>Date</b>
Alternative Certification for Teaching completion form signed by advisor and filed with Director of Certification Office		
Application for license filed in Director of Certification Office		

**Phase Two (minimum 18 hours)**

Requirements to begin this phase (1) Successful completion of all components of Phase One shown above, (2) full-time employment as a teacher in your desired field of licensure. However, Research 7100 may be taken with MSED 7007.

Core courses

RSCH 7100 Educational Research (3)  
PSYC 7010 Learning & Assessment (3)  
LEAD 7210 Ethics & Law (1)

MSED Specialization courses

MSED 7000 Prof. Development Seminar 1 (3)  
MSED 7010 Current Issues & Trends (3)  
MSED 7650 Teaching Practicum (2)  
MSED 7800 Prof. Development Seminar II (3)

If a candidate is noted as needing more content knowledge then he/she will take 6 hours of content and not take MSED 7010.

<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>Date</b>
Application for graduation filed with registrar		
Application for T5 license filed in Director of Certification Office		