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DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction in Accomplished Teaching

The M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction in Accomplished Teaching is an online degree offered collaboratively through CAEP and NCATE-accredited Colleges of Education in the University System of Georgia: Valdosta State University (CAEP), Columbus State University (NCATE), and Georgia Southern University (NCATE). The Curriculum and Instruction in Accomplished Teaching program focuses on enhancing classroom instruction by applying educational theory to practice and developing research skills centered on teaching and learning.

The Curriculum and Instruction advanced degree is classified as a P-12, Service (S) certificate. By completing this online degree and passing the appropriate Georgia content assessment, any educator who currently holds a professional certificate in teaching, service, or leadership, regardless of position, will be eligible for the new Curriculum and Instruction (Level 5) certification. Teachers who hold induction certificates can upgrade once the certificate is converted into a professional, renewable certificate.

Admission Requirements (Note: GRE or MAT scores are not required.)

- Completed Graduate School admission application and application fee of \$45.
- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited institution
- Must have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) or a combined undergraduate and graduate GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Alternate admission pathways are available.
- Must have a valid Level 4 or higher Induction, Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate, service field certificate, or Life certificate in the State of Georgia. Teachers certified in states other than Georgia may be eligible. To qualify, a teacher must hold the equivalent of a Georgia clear/renewable teaching certificate. VSU reserves the right to request additional documentation, if needed.

Program of Study

<p><i>Professional Education Core (9 hours)</i> EDAT 5999: Professional Orientation (Fall, Spring, and Summer) EDAT 6159: Multicultural Studies Across the Curriculum (Spring) EDAT 7100: Research Methodology in Education (Fall, Spring, and Summer) EDAT 7133: Trends and Issues in Education (Summer and Fall) <i>Georgia Framework (18 hours)</i> *EDAT 6000: Professional Decision Making (Summer and Spring) *EDAT 6001: Using Assessment to Improve Teaching and Learning (Fall and Spring) EDAT 6115: Knowledge of Students and Their Learning (Summer)</p>	<p>EDAT 6226: Curriculum Design for Student Achievement (Fall) *EDAT 7131: Enhancing Student Performance (Fall and Spring) EDAT 7132: Framework for Teaching (Summer and Spring) <i>Concentration (9 hours)</i> Approved Elective Approved Elective Approved Elective Total hours required for the degree - 36 semester hours *Work in course must focus on content of candidate's certification field.</p>
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M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction in Accomplished Teaching Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long does it take to complete the online Master's in Curriculum and Instruction program?

This 12-course, 36 semester hour program can be completed in four consecutive semesters (approximate 16 months) depending upon the number of courses a student is able to successfully complete each semester. For students who are unable to enroll full-time, courses are offered on a continuous basis allowing for part-time enrollment. The majority of the candidates take two courses per semester.

2. What are the admission requirements?

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3. Is the program designed as a cohort that determines a specific order for coursework?

No, students may enter the program and complete during any semester.

4. Could you give me more information about the elective options?

Electives may include almost any course offered at the graduate level – 5000 or above. You may take education courses or courses in your content area. Many candidates earn an endorsement (Reading, Gifted, ESOL, or Online Teaching) through the elective requirement. There is also a pathway for students interested in adding Tier One Certification in Educational Leadership after graduating from the program by completing 4 additional courses (12 hours), as long as a student takes the recommended electives while enrolled in the program.

5. Can required courses be taken in any order or do some courses have prerequisites?

The courses required for the program of study have no prerequisites, but every course is not offered each semester, so students must take courses according to the scheduled course offerings. For example, EDAT 6115 is offered summer only, so while candidates may take the course at any point in the program, they would have to complete EDAT 6115 during a summer semester.

6. Can I transfer credit from another institution into the program?

A maximum of 9 semester hours of graduate coursework may be considered; credits must be less than 7 years of age at the point of completing the program. Requests for transfer credit prior to entering the M.Ed. program must be documented in the form of an official transcript during the admission process. Eligibility is determined by the candidate's academic advisor.

7. Is there a certification test that is required after the completion of the program?

The GACE content test for Curriculum and Instruction is required for a certificate upgrade (level 5). Graduation candidates must attempt the GACE content test for Curriculum and Instruction prior to graduation.

8. What is the estimated cost for tuition?

The estimated cost is \$16,080** for 6 semesters (36 sem. hrs.).

**All cost estimates are based on fall, 2020 tuition and fees.

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