



Master's Degree (M.Ed.) in Curriculum and Instruction plus Certification

K-12 or Secondary Education

Department of Teacher Education
College of Education
Florida Atlantic University

Program Description

The **Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction plus Certification in K-12 or Secondary Education** provides an opportunity for people to prepare for a new career in teaching and to earn a Master's degree. The program is designed for students who want to be excellent school teachers and who already have a bachelor's degree, including at least 30 semester hours of specific coursework in one of the following subject areas: Art, Biology, Chemistry, English, French, Mathematics, Music, Physics, Social Sciences, or Spanish. Upon completion of this program, which includes student teaching, the student will be eligible for Florida certification in a particular specialization area. Please be advised that you can take no more than 1/3 of the credits in this program as a non-degree student before being officially admitted.

Core Courses: 30 credits

Take all of the following courses (all 3 credits):

EDF 2005	Introduction to Education (includes 15-hour field component)
EME 2040	Introduction to Educational Technology (<i>Department of Instructional Technology and Research</i>)
EDG 2701	Teaching Diverse Populations (includes 15-hour field component)
EDF 3210	Applied Learning Theory
EDF 3430	Educational Measurement and Evaluation (<i>Department of Instructional Technology and Research</i>)
TSL 4324	ESOL Strategies for Content Area Teachers (Students with English specialization take TSL 4080 and TSL 4081 instead)
RED 4335	Reading in the Content Areas
EDG 6224	U.S. Curricular Trends and Issues
EDG 6253	Design Components of School Curriculum
ESE 3940	Secondary School Effective Instruction (requires 1 day/week in a public school; taken after all courses above)

Areas of Specialization

Grades K-12:

Art
Foreign Language (French, German, and Spanish)
Music

Grades 6-12:

English/Language Arts
Mathematics
Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
Social Science

Area of Specialization Courses: 9-12 credits at the 6000 level or above

- * All students take 1-2 methods courses in their specialization area.
- * All students also take 2 graduate courses in their area of specialization. See the Program Advisor for approved courses in each area.
- * Students should talk with their Program Advisor about other 30 content credits required in the area of specialization. Students with a Bachelor's Degree in the specialization area may have taken many of the state-mandated requirements as part of their undergraduate degree. Specific required courses are listed on the specific secondary content area program descriptions.

Research/Statistics Courses: 6 credits (*Department of Instructional Technology and Research*)

Take *both* of the following:

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| STA 6113 | Educational Statistics (should be taken prior to or concurrently with EDF 6481) |
| EDF 6481 | Educational Research |

Capstone Experience: 6-10 credits

EDG 6940 Internship in Student Teaching (6-10 credits)
(Teaching in a public school 5 days a week during fall or spring semester)

* Prior to the student teaching internship the student must complete:

- (1) all program courses
- (2) the Professional and Subject sections of the FTCE

* ESE 3940, TSL 4081, and EDG 6940 are generally not available in the summer

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the **Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction plus Certification in K-12 or Secondary Education** program requires submission of the graduate application form. You will find information about the application process at <http://graduate.fau.edu/GradApp/> . You may complete the actual graduate application at <https://gradapp.fau.edu/GradApp/Default.aspx> . In addition, in order to be considered for the Degree Program, you must submit the following documentation:

- 1) Official transcripts of all undergraduate coursework
- 2) A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- 3) A grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 or better in all work attempted while registered as an upper division student working for a baccalaureate degree,
OR
A minimum combined score of 1000 (quantitative and verbal) on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or a score of 500 on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) when applicable and required by the individual department; or
- 4) A graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- 5) Graduate Record Examination scores must not be more than 5 years old
- 6) Evidence of Professional Certification or eligibility for Temporary Certification.

All College of Education Programs are approved by the Florida Department of Education and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). This State and NCATE approval represents the transferability of your teaching credentials from state-to-state. Please keep and consult the Florida Atlantic University catalogue from the semester that you were admitted to the program, for more details regarding your program.