GRADUATE DEGREE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION K-12

Designed to accommodate practicing teachers, the program is directly applicable to the classroom with an underlying philosophy of reflective teaching and a focus on action research. Courses may be taken to fulfill requirements for the Master of Education degree, to satisfy Act 48 requirements, or to meet personal professional development goals.

Application Process

Apply to the Master of Education program by completing an application online at moravian.edu/education. An official copy of undergraduate and graduate transcripts must be on file before your application will be reviewed. Candidates interested in earning a graduate degree must possess a valid teaching certificate. Advance standing may be awarded for appropriate coursework completed in an accredited graduate education program as long as those courses have been completed within seven years and are consistent with the objectives of Moravian's Master of Education program.

Course Requirements

Candidates pursuing the degree must complete the following EDUC 500-series courses (12 credits) with a cumulative Quality Point Average of at least 3.00 with no more than one letter grades less than B–.

EDUC 500 - The Teacher as Inquirer

The purpose of this course is to introduce teachers to current issues in reflective teaching, with an emphasis on developing essential questions related to their own effectiveness in the classroom. The influence of action research on curricular and instructional change will be examined. (Fall; Three credits; Ziegenfuss)

Candidates pursuing the degree must complete any 4 600-series courses (12 credits) with a cumulative Quality Point Average of at least 3.00 with no more than one letter grades less than B–.

EDUC 600 Best Practices in Online Teaching
EDUC 601 Online Teacher as Instructional Designer
EDUC 602 Online Teaching for the Online Learner
EDUC 603 The Online Instruction Endorsement Practicum
EDUC 605 Media Production: The Power of Digital Publication
EDUC 606 Reading and Writing across the Curriculum
EDUC 609 Teaching Grammar in the Context of Writing
EDUC 610 Differentiating Instruction
EDUC 612 Literacy Seminar in New Zealand
EDUC 506 - The Teacher as Researcher
This course introduces participants to the methods and strategies of action research. The course will emphasize identifying and designing appropriate methods for collecting, organizing, displaying, analyzing, interpreting, and summarizing qualitative and quantitative information. Ethical considerations in the collection of data will be stressed. (Three credits; Spring; Shosh)

EDUC 508 - The Teacher as Evaluator
This course prepares teachers to design, interpret, and evaluate assessment instruments in an informed and responsible way. Topics include the role of assessment in teaching, issues of reliability and validity, grading practices, and the use and interpretation of standardized and teacher-made tests. Formative and summative assessment instruments and alternative assessment strategies, including portfolio development and performance assessment, are also explored. Pennsylvania’s Standards Aligned System (SAS) is integrated throughout the course. (Three credits; Summer; Ziegenfuss)

Candidates pursuing the degree must complete the following EDUC 700-series courses (15 credits) with a cumulative Quality Point Average of at least 3.00 as follows:

EDUC 700 - Curriculum Development and Action Research
This course explores the relationships of learning theory and action research to curriculum design. Various models of curriculum development are explored, and strategies for curriculum design are studied, leading to the development of a research question for the M.Ed. thesis. Prerequisite: M.Ed. Degree candidacy with completion of 500-series and 600-series requirements with QPA of 3.0 or higher. (Three credits; Spring; Grove)

EDUC 701 - Writing a Review of Educational Research
Central to practitioner research cycles of observation, action, and reflection is an examination of a research base to provide focus for subsequent observations, suggestions for new classroom action, and theories through which to examine reflective practice. This hands-on workshop will help participants to locate salient electronic and traditional secondary source research material, synthesize findings from multiple research studies, and draft a review of the literature on a specific educational research topic identified by each participant. Prerequisite: EDUC 700 with B or higher. (Three credits; Summer; Shosh)

EDUC 702 - Reflective Practice Seminar
This is a capstone course through which students will carefully examine the philosophical and empirical bases for reflective teaching and learning. Data for the action research thesis will be collected, coded, analyzed, and interpreted. Prerequisite: EDUC 700 with B or higher. (Three credits; Fall; Shosh)

EDUC 704-705 - Action Research Thesis
Candidates will work independently, under the guidance of a thesis advisor, to place action research data within the context of published studies and to report research findings in a final thesis. An oral defense of the thesis will be required. Prerequisite: EDUC 702 with B or higher. (Three credits each; Spring; Shosh, Grove, Dilendik)

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