

# EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST: CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

## Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

- demonstrate critical thinking regarding advanced curriculum theory and practice-based research through interpretation, problem solving, evaluation, and analysis.
- express their thinking clearly and professionally regarding advanced curriculum theory in written and oral communication.
- Engage with advanced curriculum theory and practice-based research in order to treat students fairly as individuals who each has the ability to learn.

## Admission Requirements

Admission Requirements Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and may be obtained from and submitted to the Office of Admissions. Students are eligible for full admission to the Ed.S. program in Curriculum and Instruction if they have met the following requirements:

- Master's degree in an educational area with a minimum grade point average of 3.25
- Two years of teaching experience

## Program Requirements

A minimum of 36 hours of approved graduate work beyond the master's degree is required for the educational specialist degree, with at least 60 percent of the courses numbered 5500 and above. Any courses on the 300 and 400 level included in the Ed.S. program of study must be accepted by the advisor and taken for graduate credit.

As soon as possible after admission to graduate study, students should seek to meet with the assigned faculty advisor to plan a program of study. This program must be filed in the School of Education, Social Work and Psychological Sciences' Student Services Office and approved by the dean's representative during the student's first semester. A majority (80%) of new coursework applied to any graduate degree to be completed at UMKC must be taken at UMKC. Credits of transfer courses may be applied to the program if approved by the student's advisor and the Department Chair. Courses may be reviewed by a content specialist prior to advisor or Chair approval for similarity in content between courses. Transfer credit not included in a master's degree *must not be more than 7 years old at the time of degree completion or graduation*.

UMKC credit more than seven years old at the time of degree completion that has not been included on a master's degree is not applicable to an Ed.S. degree unless validated to the satisfaction of the School of Education, Social Work and Psychological Sciences and the School of Graduate Studies. A maximum of 30 percent of coursework on the student's program of study may be validated under this procedure. All validation must be completed by the end of the final semester of enrollment.

## Curriculum Summary

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Curriculum - four of the following:</b>		<b>12</b>
EDUC-C&I 5505	Introduction To Curriculum Theory	
EDUC-C&I 5506	Curriculum Design	
EDUC-C&I 5591	Curriculum & Instruction For The 21St Century	
EDUC-C&I 5618	Survey Of Research In Curriculum	
EDUC-C&I 5620	Seminars In Theories Related To Curriculum	
<b>Instructional Capacity - one of the following:</b>		<b>3</b>
EDUC-C&I 5640	Curriculum and Teaching for the College Classroom	
EDUC-C&I 5589	Special Topics In Education (Topic: Introduction to Instructional Coaching; must take for 3 CH) <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Instructional Technology - course below:</b>		<b>3</b>
EDUC-C&I 5570	Curriculum And Instruction In Technology	
<b>Research - one of the following:</b>		<b>3</b>
EDUC-R&P 5505	Statistical Methods I	
EDUC-R&P 5508	Principles And Methods Of Research	
<b>Cultural Diversity - courses below:</b>		<b>6</b>
EDUC-C&I 5514	Fundamentals of Culturally Responsive Pedagogy	
EDUC-C&I 5561	Teaching Diverse Populations In Today's Classrooms	
<b>Critical Thinking - course below:</b>		<b>3</b>

EDUC-C&I 5511	Developing Multidisciplinary Problem Solving Skills	
<b>Culminating Experience - one of the following:</b>		<b>6</b>
EDUC-C&I 5595	Action Research For Practitioners <sup>2</sup>	
EDUC 5621	Practicum In Curriculum And Instruction <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Research Project Review required for graduation</b>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> This option is selected and scheduled as needed for specific students/groups of students only.

<sup>2</sup> EdS students must take this as a 6-credit course option.

<sup>3</sup> This option is only scheduled as needed for specific students/groups of students; EdS students taking this course must take it for 6-credits.