

THE MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

Purpose

The Master of Education degree (M.Ed.) is designed for the professional development of the classroom teacher. It provides licensed teachers enhancement of their skills and knowledge utilizing the most contemporary of topics in curriculum and instruction.

The Cohort Approach

The Union M.Ed. program accepts students in groups of 15 to 24 to pursue each course together in a cohort. This model emphasizes teamwork, cooperation, professional support and sharing of knowledge among students. Each cohort is further subdivided into action research groups of 4-6 students. Lifelong friendships are developed through this format and learning takes place in a spirit of unity, rigor and cooperation. The curriculum consists of 12 courses totaling 30 semester hours with no transfer credits or electives permitted. The degree program begins each June and ends in July of the following year, with the course calendar published in advance for the 14-month program. Except for summer course work, when Saturdays as well as weekdays are utilized, courses during the school year are offered on Saturdays in a unique delivery system, an intensive format where one course at a time is completed by the cohort of students.

Admission Information

Candidates for admission to the M.Ed. (cohort) program will need the following:

1. A teaching license.
2. A minimum G.P.A. of 3.00 based on a 4.00 scale (undergraduate and post-baccalaureate credits combined).
3. An interview with the Director of the M.Ed. program.

Successful candidates must also complete an Application to Graduate Studies in Education; arrange for official transcripts to be sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies in Education from previously attended colleges or universities; and request of two persons who are in positions to judge the candidate's potential as a graduate student to recommend the candidate, using the forms provided in the application packet. In addition, a completed "Certificate of Immunization" is required.

Persons not qualifying for Admission may be granted Conditional Admission after successfully completing a Writing Sample (evaluated by English Department faculty) and upon the recommendation of the Graduate Education Admissions Committee and the Dean of Education and Human Studies. Provisionally admitted students may be granted Admission after 9 hours of (minimum) 3.00 grade average work and a recommendation from the Dean of Education and Human Studies. Failure to be fully admitted to the M.Ed. program after 9 hours of coursework will result in termination from the program. A student may appeal termination through the regular appeals process outlined in this Graduate Catalogue.

Graduation Requirements

For graduation from the M.Ed. degree program, the student will:

1. Successfully complete the 30 semester hours of required course work.
2. Demonstrate a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 cumulative for the program.
3. Successfully complete the Creative Research Project.

Financial Information

The following payment plans are available:

1. Full payment may be made for the program of 30 semester hours—tuition is discounted by 5% when 100% payment is received prior to the advent of the program.
2. Payment may be made by the semester, with 50% due before classes begin that semester, and 50% due one month later.
3. Monthly payments may be made in 15 payments, beginning the first of June and ending the first of August the following year. Payments include a monthly service charge on the outstanding balance.

Tuition is \$225 per semester hour, or \$6750 for the program—effective for the June 2001-July 2002 cohorts. Tuition is \$230 per semester hour, or \$6900 for the program—effective for the June 2002-July 2003 cohorts.

The following are Non-Refundable Fees:

Application Fee:	\$25
Graduation Fee:	\$100

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Computer Fee: \$ 15
attached to the graduate course, EDU 602 - Educational Computer Technology

Financial Aid

The Federal Stafford Loan (subsidized or unsubsidized) is available to M.Ed. students who need financial assistance. To qualify for a student loan, the graduate student must:

1. Be admitted to the M.Ed. degree program.
2. Not be in default on a former loan or owe a refund on any grant.
3. Complete and return the FAFSA and Union Financial Aid Application to Union University's Financial Aid Office by April 1 for Summer through Spring semesters and by April 1 again of the following year to cover the remaining Sum-

require students to generate rather than choose a response. Exhibitions, investigations, demonstrations, written or oral responses, journals and portfolios are examples of alternatives.

609 Inclusionary Instruction (3)

Rationales for inclusionary classrooms and schools, including the changing assumptions of how children learn, demographic changes, shifts in funding and demonstrations of effective programs.

641 Trends in Curriculum and School Reform (3)

Recent innovative trends in educational practice including current curriculum models and school reform models.

643 Methods and Designs for Classroom Research (2)

Identification of the key problems and issues in educational research, development of skills of critical analysis of the literature and the implementation of a proposal for action research in the classroom.

644 Creative Research Proposal (1)

Introduction to the field of educational research. Students will review the literature on a topic of choice and write a proposal for the Creative Research Project.