

1. An official report showing an acceptable score on the

With appropriate prerequisites, initial licensure and Praxis II Specialty Tests*, this program leads to an additional endorsement in Elementary K-8.

1. EDU 527, 544, 552, 556
2. EDU 602, 604, 629
3. PSY 624 and SE 630

C. Concentration Secondary Education, Licensure (15 core + 24 concentration hours)

With appropriate prerequisites, including those in the teaching content field, this program leads to an initial licensure in a secondary (Grades 6-12) field. Praxis II Tests and 2 years of successful teaching experience on a job-embedded Practitioner license appropriate to the endorsement area are required for licensure but not for the degree.

1. EDU 530, 535
2. EDU 602, 604, 626, 637, 638
3. SE 630
4. Option A: If hired on a Practitioner License - EDU 623, EDU 627 and EDU 628
Option B: EDU 614 and either EDU 660 or director-approved 3-hour elective.

D. Concentration Special Education, Licensure (15 core + 24 concentration hours)

With appropriate prerequisites, initial licensure and Praxis II Specialty Tests*, this program leads to an additional endorsement in SE Interventionist K-8 and 6-12.

1. SE 505, 605, 606, 630, 631, 632, 648
2. If seeking initial licensure, candidate will take EDU 623, 627, and 628.

E. Concentration Curriculum and Instruction, Non-Licensure (15 core + 24 concentration hours)

1. EDU 604, 616, 626, 637
2. EDU/PSY 614
3. Education Electives, advisor-approved, 9 hours

F. Concentration Human Growth and Development, Non-Licensure (15 core + 24 concentration hours)

1. SE 630, EDU/PSY 614, EDU 629
2. EDU 646
3. Education Electives, advisor-approved, 8 hours

G. Concentration: Designed Studies (15 core + 24 concentration hours)

1. EDU/SE Electives, advisor-approved, 6 hours
2. EDU/SE/PEWS Electives, advisor-approved, 18 hours

* Praxis II Specialty Area Tests appropriate to the endorsement are required for licensure but not for the degree.

Admission to Candidacy for the Master of Arts in Education Degree

An important step in the student's progress toward the Master of Arts in Education Degree (thesis and non-thesis options only) is admission to Candidacy. Students will be

appointment with the M.A.Ed. director as soon as possible after degree-seeking admission criteria are met.

Financial Information

The registration of a student signifies an agreement by the student to fulfill the related financial obligations.

There are three methods for the payment of expenses.

1. All expenses may be paid in full prior to or on the day of registration.
2. The University accepts payment via Web Advisor, in person, or by phone or mail. Debit or credit card payments are subject to a convenience fee of 2.5%. Payment plans are available if needed, and may be established through the Office of Business and Financial Services.
3. FACTS payment plan.

For students who have a definite commitment of financial aid from the Student Financial Planning Office of the University, the difference between the total cost for the term and the financial aid allocation is the amount payable by the student to the University. All financial information is subject to change without notice.

Tuition and Fees

M.A.Ed.....	\$550/semester hour
Non-degree-seeking post-baccalaureate students.....	\$550/semester hour
Other fees when applicable:	
Application Fee (non-refundable, one-time only)	\$25

General Student Fee.....	\$22/hour
Late Registration Fee.....	\$100
Audit Fee.....	\$145/semester hour
Course Drop Fee.....	\$10.
Materials Fee per Course: 544, 552, 556, 646; 577 and 578 (Jackson campus only); SE 505, 606, 651, 657.....	\$20..
Lab Materials Fee per Workshop.....	Varies with workshop
Thesis Binding Fee.....	\$50.
Professional Liability Insurance for field experiences (approximate cost).....	\$25
Background Check / Fingerprinting.....	Actual Cost
EdTPA Fee.....	\$300
(An edTPA fee is charged through enrollment in EDU 627 and EDU 628. Prior to the student submitting edTPA, he/she will be given a voucher to submit when registering for edTPA to cover the cost of the first submission. The cost of resubmission of edTPA is the responsibility of the student.)	

Financial Assistance

Financial aid information for graduate students is available on our website at www.uu.edu/financialaid/graduate/. Generally, graduate students may be eligible for Federal Direct student loans or private alternative student loans, depending on the program of study and the eligibility of the borrower. Union University is also approved by the Department for Veterans Affairs to offer educational benefits to veterans, reservists, and dependents of veterans who qualify for Veterans Benefits. Any person who qualifies for VA Benefits should check with the Office of Student Financial Planning as soon as possible after acceptance into a graduate program.

Course Descriptions

Biology (BIO)

533. Internship (1-4)

Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

579. External Domestic Study Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

579PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

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580. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

580PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

585. Special Studies in Biology (1-4)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598. Seminar (1-3)

A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640. Special Studies in Biology (3)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655. Independent Study (1-4)

Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680. Research in Biology Education A (3)

A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685. Research in Biology Education B (3)

A continuation of Research in Biology Education A.

Communication Arts (COM)

533. Internship (1-4)

Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

579. External Domestic Study Programs (1-4)

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579PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

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580. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

580PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

585. Special Studies in Communication (1-4)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598. Seminar (1-3)

A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640. Special Studies in Communication Arts (3)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655. Independent Study (1-4)

Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680. Research in Communication Education A (3)

A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685. Research in Communication Education B (3)

A continuation of Research in Communication Education A.

Education (EDU)

502. Transformational Teaching (3) Su

This course focuses on the conception of what teaching is and can be, on meeting the challenge of engaging all students. Educational psychology, philosophy, and pedagogy as foundational concepts in the discipline of education are explored, including their interrelationship. The synergistic roles of scholar, practitioner, and relater are studied in the context of school culture and transformational teaching; and, the synergism of academic, social, and spiritual goals in education are explored with emphasis on improved student learning.

504. Technology in the Classroom (2)

A study of the most recent technology advancements utilized to enhance student achievement in the elementary, middle, and high school classroom with emphasis on the many facets of the computer as a teaching tool. Prior technology experience needed.

505. Classroom Leadership (3) F

This course focuses on teachers as classroom leaders with research-based applications for structuring classroom environments where high levels of engagement and learning occur. Topics include interpersonal relationships and management, classroom organization, effective instruction, leadership principles and practice, and problem-solving techniques.

506. Teaching Mathematics (3) F

This course provides an exploration of the content, materials, and methods of K-8 mathematics. Students will reflect on their own personal experiences in mathematics classrooms as they are challenged to explore a teaching methodology that emphasizes the importance of using models and clarifying language to teach mathematics. Additionally, students will be encouraged to reflect upon best practices of teaching mathematics while maintaining a sensitivity to individual differences found in a classroom environment.

507. Teaching Language Arts (2) S

This course includes the design and implementation of the language arts (listening, speaking, reading, writing) for effective instruction in K-8 classroom settings with emphasis on research-based practice.

508. Teaching Reading (3) F

A study of the design and implementation of instruction of reading with clinically-based emphasis. Current research and practice are used to investigate common reading problems, assessment methods, and remediation techniques.

515. Comprehending Text (1) S

A literacy course designed to assist teachers in using textbooks effectively in the learning process. Topics include free reading, reading, and post-reading strategies.

517. Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Art (3)

A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching art in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

518. Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Science (3)

A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching science in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

519. Instructional Methodology for Secondary Business (3)

A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching business in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

520. Instructional Methodology for Secondary School English (3)

A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching English in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

521. Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Physical Education and Health (3)

A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching physical education and health in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

522. Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Mathematics (3)

A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching mathematics in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

523. Instructional Methodology for Modern Languages in Secondary School (3)

A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching modern languages in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

524. Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Music (3)

A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching music in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

525. Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Social Studies (3)

A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching social studies in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

526. Instructional Methodology for Secondary School Speech and Theatre Arts (3)

A study of principles, practices, methods, and materials for teaching speech and theatre arts in the secondary school with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

527. Leading the Elementary Learning Environment (2)

Leading the elementary learning environment is a two hour course focusing on the precepts that build preventative, supportive, and corrective strategies of classroom management that engage students for learning and empower teachers for transformational teaching. Topics include classroom organization, building classroom communities, building interpersonal relationships, and designing behavior contracts.

580. Secondary School Methods (3)

A study of the principles, methods, and best practices for teaching at the secondary level with emphasis on current research in the field. Available for graduate credit only. Practicum required.

533. Internship (1-4)

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540. Using Games and Activities in the Elementary Classroom (3)

A study of the principles and practices related to the effective use of games and activities in the elementary classroom.

544. Math, Science and Social Studies in Diverse Classrooms (4)

Design and implementation of instruction in elementary school mathematics, science, and social studies. Current issues, problems, and practices in the field are addressed.

552. Language Arts and Children's Literature (2)

This course is concerned with contemporary issues and trends in the teaching of language arts using children's literature, including the areas of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and thinking, and the relationships of the language arts skills to the whole school curriculum.

556. Literacy in Diverse Classrooms (4)

Current principles and trends on the teaching of reading and reading assessment are addressed. The areas of reading, writing, listening, speaking and thinking coupled with the relationship of reading to the whole development of the child will be emphasized.

560. Teaching in Brain Compatible Classrooms (3)

Insight into optimal learning environments, enhancing cognition, and a brain-compatible curriculum in order to engage students in current topics in brain research and its application to the field of education.

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580. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

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585. Special Studies in Education (1-4)

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595. Special Workshops (1-4)

Graduate credit offered in concentrated format for license renewal and elective credit. Maximum of 6 hours can count toward a degree. Selected topics may vary each year.

598. Seminar (1-3)

A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

602. Technology-Rich Learning (2)

Focus for the course is the integration and utilization of current instructional technology with emphasis on student learning, including the integration of technology as a learning tool for elementary/secondary classrooms: mobile technology, Web-based teacher productivity tools, specific-use software, mobile apps, adaptive technology, presentation software, Internet, and future trends.

604. Teaching in a Pluralistic Society (3)

A study of pluralistic society and the expression of diversity in families and schools with emphasis on current research and best teaching practices.

610. History and Philosophy of Education (3)

634. School Facilities (3)

Consideration of the school plant, grounds, and major equipment in relation to the educational needs of the community; factors in site selection; procedures in planning of school buildings; principles of design and construction; architectural and contractual services; and maintenance.

637. Leading the Secondary Environment (2)

Leading the secondary learning environment is a two hour course focusing on the precepts to build preventative, supportive, and corrective strategies of classroom management that engage students for learning and empower teachers for transformational teaching. Topics include classroom organization, building classroom communities, building interpersonal relationships, and designing behavior contracts.

638. Middle Grades Education (2)

This course is designed to support teachers as they prepare to teach within a middle grades environment. Time is given to explore the philosophy and structure of middle grades instruction. The challenges, issues, and current trends in middle grades design are discussed with emphasis of building a community of learner and collaboration among colleagues.

640. Special Studies in Education (3)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

646. Planning for the Early Childhood Environment (4)

Prerequisite: EDU 629

Graduate students will develop sensitivity to the cognitive and creative development of infants and young children, planning for diagnostic and assessment strategies which are supportive of young child.

650. Educational Measurement and Evaluation (3)

A study of the measurement of learning, attitudes and feelings, products and performances, and social interaction. Difficulty and discrimination of test items as well as validity and reliability of tests are emphasized. Descriptive statistics for sets of data are introduced.

655. Independent Study (1-4)

Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

660. Issues and Trends in Education (3)

A course designed to research the literature related to recent developments in education, including the aims, philosophies, methods, content, and problems related to the field. Students will identify and develop a synthesis of research related to a potential line of research.

665. Research Design (3)

A study of research designs which control threats to the validity of research conclusions, including statistical treatment of data.

671. Standards, Strategies and Students (3)

Standards-based instruction is a process for planning, delivering, monitoring, and improving academic programs in which clearly defined academic content standards provide the basis for content in instruction and assessment. This course is designed to help teachers optimize students' learning through using standards as a basis for lesson and assessment design in order to foster maximum student engagement and achievement.

675. Capstone Research Seminar (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of graduate coursework including EDU 665.

580. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

580PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

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585. Special Studies in Language (1-4)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598. Seminar (1-3)

A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640. Special Studies in Language (3)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655. Independent Study (1-4)

Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680. Research in Language Education A (3)

A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685. Research in Language Education B (3)

A continuation of Research in LANG 680.

Library Information Specialist (LSC)**533. Internship (1-4)**

Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

579. External Domestic Study Programs (1-4)

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579PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

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580. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

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580PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

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585. Special Studies in Library Science (1-4)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598. Seminar (1-3)

A non lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

621. School Library Administration (3)

An exploration of the unique leadership role the school librarian plays in the administration of a contemporary school library media center. This includes examination of issues related to the planning, implementing, and evaluation of the center and includes practical experience in collaborating with others in the development of curriculum and programs. Field experience required.

622. Issues and Trends in School Libraries (3)

The course focuses on providing tools for future library media specialists to identify and learn from issues and trends in school libraries by examining topics such as the 21st Century learning environment and learner, examining the changing role of the school librarian, building collaborative partnerships, addressing multiple literacies, and examining characteristics of good leadership. Field experience required.

631. Collection Management and Organization (3)

Fundamentals of collection management and organization of a school library with emphasis on analyzing community needs, creating collection development policies, managing budgets, acquiring materials, technical processing, and weeding of materials. Field experience required.

640. Young Adult Literature (3)

Focus on the variety of literature available for middle and high school students, including multicultural, classical, and contemporary literature. Also covers selecting, promoting, and evaluating young adult literature, media for youth, and identifying the worldview of each work read.

646. Practicum (2-6)

Library experience and training in elementary, middle and secondary school requiring 20 clock hours per credit hour under the supervision of a licensed school media specialist and college supervisor.

651. General Reference and Instruction (3)

An introduction to basic printed reference and electronic resources for school library media centers and how to use them effectively. Focuses on how to use strategies in seeking answers to reference questions. The reference resources studied will serve as a selection guide for school libraries. Attention is given to developing instructional skills for use with print and electronic resources. Field experience required.

655. Independent Study (1-4)

Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680. Research in Library Science A (3)

A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685. Research in Library Science B (3)

A continuation of Research in LSC 680.

Mathematics (MAT) and Computer Science (CSC)

533. Internship (1-4)

Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

579. External Domestic Study Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

579PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

580. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

580PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

585. Special Studies in Mathematics & Computer Science (1-4)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598. Seminar (1-3)

A non lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640. Special Studies in Mathematics and Computer Science (3)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655. Independent Study (1-4)

Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680. Research in Mathematics Education A (3)

A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685. Research in Mathematics Education B (3)

A continuation of Research in Mathematics and Computer Science Education A.

Music (MUS)

533. Internship (1-4)

Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

579. External Domestic Study Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

579PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

580. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

580PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

585. Special Studies in Music (1-4)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598. Seminar (1-3)

A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640. Special Studies in Music (3)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655. Independent Study (1-4)

Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

511. Sports Injury Management (3)

This course will provide students with a basic understanding

Psychology (PSY)

533. Internship (1-4)

Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

579. External Domestic Study Programs (1-4)

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579PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

580. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

580PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

585. Special Studies in Psychology (1-4)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598. Seminar (1-3)

A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

610. Advanced Educational Psychology (3)

This course involves an in-depth study of the field of educational

Special Education (SE)

505. Literacy for Special Populations (4)

Graduate students will explore the differences and understand how to meet the needs of diverse individuals in the areas of reading, writing, listening, speaking and thinking. Emphasis

680. Research in Special Education A (3)

A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685. Research in Special Education B (3)

A continuation of Research in SE 680.

Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

510. Language and Acquisition (3)

The tenets of human language, focusing on 1st and 2nd language acquisition considering its psycholinguistic and sociolinguistic aspects.

515. Language & Literacy (3)

The critical context of literacy and where students consider composition theory, critical theories of literacy, and practical literacy issues in a variety of learning contexts.

520. Critical Contexts of Language Assessment (3)

Critical theory and practice of language testing and design. Students will have opportunity to explore the impact of testing and standards on learners and learning while critically reflecting their own test designs.

530. Theory & Practice: Language Curriculum Development (3)

The critical context of curriculum development, allowing students to explore language curriculum design and develop an extensive, detailed language curriculum.

533. Internship (1-4)

Internship in a field situation for a specified time. Specific requirements will be arranged by the department.

579. External Domestic Study Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

579PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

580. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

580PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

585. Special Studies in Teaching English as a Second Language (1-4)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

598. Seminar (1-3)

A non-lecture research and discussion course. Course content will be determined by need.

640. Special Studies in Teaching English as a Second Language (3)

Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

655. Independent Study (1-4)

Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

680. Research in Teaching English as a Second Language A (3)

A course designed to help the student complete the individual research related to the specialty area. Specific course content will be designed to meet the program needs of the individual student.

685. Research in Teaching English as a Second Language B (3)

A continuation of Research in TESL 680.