

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd) IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION – INITIAL LICENSE

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

This program is designed for individuals who already hold an undergraduate degree and who are seeking a master's degree and an initial license and/or training in elementary education.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School Office, and a \$35.00 non-refundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor's degree.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed **Reference for Graduate Admission** forms. These forms are available with the application. Please include references from people who have known you in both professional and academic capacities. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.
- Official copy of test results taken within the last five years documenting satisfactory performance on either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Those who hold a master's degree are exempt from this requirement.
- All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) in addition to their MAT or GRE scores.
- A 500-1,000 word, double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions:
What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College?
What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them?
Is there any other information that you think would help the admissions committee evaluate your application?

Additional requirements for individuals seeking an initial license:

- Evidence of a passing score on the Communication and Literacy Skills Tests of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL). Information on these tests is available in the Graduate School.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall admission: June 1 | Spring admission: October 1 | Summer admission: February 1

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a **Plan of Study** in consultation with the program coordinator. You must request that any transfer credits be considered at this time. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE COURSES TAKEN AT SALEM STATE COLLEGE BEFORE ADMISSION CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS THIS PROGRAM. You should meet regularly with the program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study as needed. Consult with your program coordinator about which courses require field experience or provide the opportunity to complete pre-practicum hours.

All candidates for this degree must complete 1) a minimum of 36 credit hours of graduate course work as described below, and 2) a comprehensive exam that should be taken at during the same semester as EDU 961P and EDU961PS.

PREREQUISITES:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with either a) a major in the arts and sciences or an interdisciplinary arts/science major; or b) at least 24 credits above the introductory level in arts and science courses, with at least 12 credits in one academic area.

REQUIRED COURSES FOR INITIAL LICENSURE: (27 Credits)

Some of the following courses must be taken in sequence. Consult with the program coordinator before registering for any of these courses.

- EDU 720 Child Growth and Development
- EDU 737 Theories of Thinking and Learning
- EDU 876 Global Perspectives in Cultural Diversity
- EDU 725 Introduction to Literacy Practices in Early Childhood and Elementary Education
- EDU 829 Teaching the Exceptional Young Child
OR
- EDG 790 Introduction to Special Education
- EDU 999EM Teaching Elementary and Middle School Math and Science
- EDU 750E Theory and Practice in Elementary Curriculum
(This course has prerequisites. Please refer to the course description.)
- EDU 961P Practicum Experience in Elementary Education
Candidates for initial licensure must take and pass all required sections of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure prior to entering the practicum (EDU961P).
- EDU 961PS Practicum Seminar in Elementary Education

ADDITIONAL COURSES FOR MASTER'S DEGREE: (9 Credits)**REQUIRED COURSES: (6 Credits)**

- EDU 729 Reading and Writing in the Classroom
OR
- EDU 767 Literature for Young Children
- EDU 738 Educational Research Across the Curriculum

ELECTIVE: (3 Credits)

One content elective chosen in consultation with the program coordinator.

Subsequent to publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.

Please be aware that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change licensure requirements. Students are advised to contact the Commonwealth for specific, current licensure requirements. Students may access that information at www.doe.mass.edu
