



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd) IN MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION – PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

For individuals who already hold an initial license and are seeking a professional license and a master's degree, or individuals who are seeking further professional development in the field. Students will be provided with the proper ratio of pedagogical to content courses as required by the MDOE for Professional Licensure.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A complete application form, available from the Graduate School Office or online, 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 Admissions forms. These forms are available in the Graduate School or online. Please include references from people who have known you in either professional or academic capacities. Referees may attach a letter, but must also return the provided form.
- An official copy of test results taken within the last five years, documenting satisfactory performance on either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or 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.
- A 500-1000 word, type-written, 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 to meet them? Is there any other information that you think would help the admissions committee to evaluate your application?

Additional requirements for individuals seeking a professional license:

- Submit a copy of an initial Massachusetts teaching license in middle school education.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Fall Admission: June 1 - Spring Admission: October 1 - Summer Admission: February 1

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a tentative 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. The program coordinator will assess the potential acceptance of transfer credits.

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 when most of the course work is completed.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Required Courses

18 credits

- EDU 717 Advanced Foundations of Education
- EDU 738 Research Across the Curriculum
- EDU 787 Theories of Curriculum Design and Evaluation
- EDU 795 Disclosure, Culture, and Literacy
OR
- EDU 837 Education in a Changing World
- EDU 990E Developing Effective Programs for Special Needs Students in the Mainstream
OR
- EDU 990M Enhancing Teacher Response to Student Needs
- EDU 911 Current Trends in Middle School Education

Content Elective Courses

12 Credits

12 credits [4 courses] in pre-approved content courses that advance the candidate in content knowledge at the graduate level.

Education Elective Courses

6 Credits

6 credits [2 courses] in pre-approved pedagogical courses that advance the candidate in advanced classroom practices at the graduate level.

Total Credits

36

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.