



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd) – SECONDARY EDUCATION INITIAL LICENSURE

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

This program is designed for individuals seeking an initial license and/or training in secondary education.

ADMISSIONS 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 with a major in the field of the license sought or a related field.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed Reference for Graduate Admission forms. These forms are available with the application or online. 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).
- 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 to evaluate your application?

Additional requirements for individuals pursuing an initial license:

- Preliminary licensure requires a passing score on the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure Test (MTEL), both the communications and literacy portion and the subject area portion appropriate for this program, in addition to other requirements. Students with no teacher preparation coursework or who do not possess a bachelor's degree in the major should consult with the program coordinator. All students must undergo a content review by the appropriate academic department to determine whether additional subject area coursework is required to meet licensure standards.
- An adolescent psychology course or equivalent.
- Acceptance into the Master of Education-Initial Licensure in Secondary Education.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

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

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you must obtain a content review form and bring that form with your transcripts to the appropriate academic department to determine whether you will be required to take additional subject area coursework to meet licensure standards. 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 TO THE PROGRAM 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 successful completion of a comprehensive exam is required for completion of degree requirements.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:	Credits
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Educational Foundations and Research Courses: (6 credits)	
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| • EDU 808 The American High School | 3 |
| • EDU 738 Educational Research Across the Curriculum | 3 |

Diversity and Exceptionality Course: (3 credits)	
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| • EDG705 Responding to Diversity in the Secondary Classroom | 3 |
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Language and Reading Course: (3 credits)	
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| • EDU 814 Reading in the Content Area | 3 |
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| • EDU 743 Reading and Study in the Middle School | 3 |

Methods Courses (6 credits):	
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| • Content Based Methods Course | 3 |
| • EDU709 Instruction and Assessment in the Secondary Classroom | 3 |
| • Elective Content Courses: | 12 |

Approval is required from your program coordinator for the courses that advance your content knowledge at the graduate level.

Capstone Course:	
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(This is a restricted admission course which requires pre-registration with the program coordinator. The initial course sequence must be completed prior to registration.) In addition, candidates for educator licensure must also pass the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL) subject portion prior to entering the practicum.

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| • EDU 925X Practicum in Secondary Education | 6 |
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Total Credits:	36
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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.

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.
