Areas of Study

The College of Education offers graduate degree programs in the following areas: curriculum and instruction; educational leadership and policy; educational psychology; foreign language education; health behavior and health education; kinesiology; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education; and special education.

Degree Requirements

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program’s office and online at https://utexas.box.com/v/UTAustinGraduateHandbooks. Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Master of Arts

In addition to fulfilling the general requirements for all master’s degrees, the student must complete at least 12 semester hours of advanced course preparation appropriate to the proposed area of concentration. Graduate advisors can provide information about these requirements and any others prescribed by the Graduate Studies Committees.

Before a student is admitted to candidacy, the Program of Work must be approved by the graduate advisor of the area of concentration and the graduate dean. Additional requirements and optional plans open to students in the areas of concentration in education are listed under the appropriate area headings or are available from the area graduate advisors.

Master of Education

In addition to fulfilling the general requirements for all master’s degrees, the student must complete 12 semester hours of advanced course preparation appropriate to the proposed area of concentration. Graduate advisors can provide information about these requirements and any others prescribed by the Graduate Studies Committees.

Of the total number of semester hours required, at least 18 must be in a particular area of concentration, which may be interdepartmental in scope and not necessarily confined to the College of Education.

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Master of Science

A Master of Science is offered in health behavior and health education and in kinesiology. In addition to fulfilling the general requirements for all master’s degrees, students in these programs must complete 12 semester hours of advanced course preparation appropriate to the proposed area of concentration, as well as a thesis or a report under the direction of their advisor. Graduate advisors can provide information about these requirements and any others prescribed by the Graduate Studies Committees.

Before a student is admitted to candidacy, the Program of Work must be approved by the graduate advisor of the area of concentration and the graduate dean. Additional requirements and optional plans open to students in the areas of concentration in education are listed under the appropriate area headings or are available from the area graduate advisors.

Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy is a research degree. The student’s Program of Work includes courses in the field of specialization and supporting work outside the major. To be admitted to candidacy, the student is expected to pass a qualifying examination, written or oral or both, and to meet additional requirements established by the Graduate Studies Committee. Admission to candidacy must be approved by the Graduate Studies Committee and the graduate dean.

Doctor of Education

The Doctor of Education is a professional degree. Program requirements vary, but each must focus predominantly on the application of knowledge. The program normally entails an internship. The requirements for admission to candidacy and course requirements are similar to those for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.