There are several options for students wishing to obtain Master of Education in Middle and Secondary Instruction. Students not holding teacher certification may obtain this master’s degree along with teacher certification in a wide variety of areas*. The purpose of this program is to provide candidates with development of pedagogy and professional skills that will enable them to gain classroom proficiency. The program is structured for non-education majors who wish to pursue an advanced degree and to secure certification as a teacher. For the future educator, the program is designed to prepare candidates to practice the art of teaching in accordance with the ethical principles of educators as they strive to educate the nation’s children.

Admission Requirements and Procedures: Visit the Graduate School webpage and click the “Apply” link on the left side of the screen. Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the “account” link on the Apply page. CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegeNET account, consult the CollegeNET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email help@collegenet.com.

Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:

1. Complete the online application.
2. Pay an application fee of $30.
3. Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
4. Have a minimum 2.8 overall undergraduate QPA. The MAT or GRE are required for undergraduate QPA lower than 2.8.
5. Copy of teaching certificate (for students holding teacher certification).

Curriculum

Master of Middle and Secondary Instruction with Teacher Certification (51 credit hours)

Concentration: Non-thesis (08637)
(On-campus, with the option to take some classes online)

The following courses are required for the master’s degree (33 semester hours)
EDUC 788 Research in Education (This course cannot be taken during the summer)
SEDU 607 Content Literacy in Mid./Sec. School
SEDU 691 Classroom Management
SEDU 692 Seminar in Teaching Adolescents
SEDU 700 Educational Assessment in Mid./Sec. School
SEDU 702 Teaching in Contemporary Multicultural Classroom
SEDU 731 Applied Technological Integration in Education
SEDU 786 Middle and Secondary School Instruction
SEDU 797 Action Research in Education (SEDU 797 cannot be taken during the summer)
SPED 710 Seminar in Exceptionalities
SPED 725 Seminar in Mild to Moderate Disabilities

The following courses are required for teacher certification (18 semester hours)
1. Up to two of the following:
   - MLED 666 Integrated English, Language Arts and Social Studies for the Middle Level Learner
   - MLED 667 Integrated Mathematics and Science for the Middle Level Learner
   - SEDU 681 Instructional Techniques for Mathematics
   - SEDU 682 Instructional Techniques for Secondary Science
   - SEDU 683 Instructional Techniques for Social Studies
   - SEDU 684 Instructional Techniques for the Teaching of English
2. SEDU 676 Field Experience for Middle and Secondary Educ. OR MLED 675 Middle Level Field Experience
3. SEDU 695 Student Teaching OR MLED 695 Middle Level Student Teaching
4. Additional courses in content area as needed.
*Certification programs available in the following areas:

08112 Comprehensive English
08136 English as a Second Language
08115 Earth and Space Science
08116 Mathematics
08119 Biology
08120 Chemistry
08121 General Science
08123 Physics
08124 Social Studies
08126 Mid Level – English/Language Arts/Reading
08127 Mid Level – Mathematics
08128 Mid Level – Science
08129 Mid Level – Social Studies
08130 Mid Level – Math and English/Language Arts/Reading
08131 Mid Level – Math and Science
08132 Mid Level – Math and Social Studies
08133 Mid Level – Science and English/Language Arts/Reading
08134 Mid Level – Science and Social Studies

Degree Requirements:

Individuals must comply with the degree requirements established by Edinboro University for the Master of Education Degree. A degree will not be awarded solely on the basis of credits earned. Non-education candidates for the degree will be required to earn teaching certification before the master's degree is awarded. Students in this program must also complete the following:

Cumulative Grade Point Average. Students must maintain 3.0.

Research Requirement (Thesis Option). Students taking the thesis option must select a thesis advisor from among the graduate faculty members in the Department of Middle and Secondary Education and Educational Leadership, register for 3 credits of SEDU 799, and select a committee with the assistance of the thesis advisor. The master’s thesis must conform to the style of the most recent edition of the American Psychological Association Manual. Any student planning for doctoral study in the future is strongly encouraged to take the Thesis option. Students considering this option should meet with the Graduate Program Head to begin the process.

Additional Requirements and Procedures. In addition to successful completion of the prescribed graduate credits of course work, the individual will be required to meet the cut off score for the PRAXIS to meet certification requirements.

Student Responsibility. It is the responsibility of individuals completing requirements to submit the appropriate forms needed to obtain the certification from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Dean of Education as soon as the certification requirements have been completed.

Candidates seeking teacher certification from a state other than Pennsylvania should follow the procedures required by that specific state. Only international students who hold immigration status and have submitted a form of intent to become a citizen are eligible to apply for PDE teacher certification.

It is the student’s responsibility to investigate certification requirements from states other than Pennsylvania.

For More Information: If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University’s School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890. For questions specific to the MEd in Middle & Secondary Instruction, please contact Dr. Michael Vetere at (814) 732-1468 (mvetere@edinboro.edu).

Office for Students with Disabilities: For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the OSD web page.

Graduate Assistantships: Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15th to be considered for an assistantship. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814) 732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.
Financial Aid Considerations: An academic year consists of fall, spring, and summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to $20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (fall and spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (888) 611-2680 or finaid@edinboro.edu.

Employer Reimbursement: Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the employer tuition reimbursement agreement is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed employer tuition reimbursement agreement.

Veterans' Education Benefits: Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, http://www.gibill.va.gov/. After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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