Post Baccalaureate Opportunities for Education Professionals

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

**M.Ed. Curriculum & Instruction** - an innovative, dynamic, and flexible program meeting the diverse needs and goals of its candidates to become advanced instructional leaders in teaching and learning, training, and program design. Contact mara.alagic@wichita.edu, 316-978-6974.

**M.Ed. Special Education** (four emphasis areas) Contact kay.gibson@wichita.edu, 978-5569.

- **Adaptive** - following successful completion of the master’s program including a comprehensive exam, the candidate will be eligible for recommendation for full endorsement in special education - adaptive (students with mild to moderate disabilities).
- **Functional** - similar in structure to the Special Education - Adaptive program, this is designed for those who would like to teach students with severe to profound disabilities.
- **Gifted** - this program prepares those who would like to teach students with advanced intellectual abilities.
- **Early Childhood** - this program is designed for those who currently hold a license in Elementary Education and would like to teach children from birth to third grade.

**M.A. in Teaching** (three emphasis areas)

- **Transition to Teaching** - for those with a bachelor’s degree in a high-need content area, coursework while teaching provides the pedagogical skills necessary in today’s classroom. Contact sharon.goodvin@wichita.edu.
- **Middle Level Secondary Residency** - for those with a bachelor’s degree who want to become a middle or secondary level teacher. Students in this program take professional education coursework while working as a para-educator in content area as part of their field experience to obtain an initial license. Contact sharon.goodvin@wichita.edu, 316-978-6580.
- **Early Childhood Residency** - the first Early Childhood Unified Residency program in Kansas, it is characterized by “in the field” learning. Students in this program work with young children during the day and take classes at night and on weekends. Contact kim.mcdowell@wichita.edu, 316-978-6873.

Department of Counseling, Educational Leadership, Educational and School Psychology

**M.Ed Counseling** - primarily designed for students who will assume licensed professional roles in school settings, but also to provide training for counselors working within community, agency, business and industry. Contact ruth.hitchcock@wichita.edu, 316-978-3326.

**M.Ed. in Educational Leadership** - this competency-based program requires working with a mentor (usually a building principal) in a real-world setting. An assessment of individuals’ strengths and weaknesses, as well as those of the schools in which they work, provides a basis for development of a plan to capitalize on strengths and minimize or abate weaknesses. Contact patrick.terry@wichita.edu, 316-978-6195.

**Ed.D in Educational Leadership** - theory and practice are combined in a hands-on learning environment in which students conduct research studies for local school systems and attend seminar classes one evening per week in which they interact with others in their cohort and with faculty to share ideas and presentations. Contact jean.patterson, 316-978-6392.

**M.Ed. Educational Psychology** - for those who want to create new knowledge concerning how people learn, remember, think and develop or apply that knowledge in schools, colleges, government agencies or business. Contact marlene.schommer-aikins@wichita.edu, 316-978-3326.

**Ed.S. School Psychology** - combining theory and research with application skills and experience, this NASP-accredited program prepares those with a master's degree in educational psychology to be licensed as a school psychologist. Contact nancy.mckellar@wichita.edu, 316-978-6385.

**Licensure in District Leadership** - this program is designed for those who already hold licensure in building leadership who would like to receive advanced training which would prepare them for certification/licensure as a school superintendent. Contact craig.elliott@wichita.edu, 316-978-5329.
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Endorsements

**Early Childhood Unified Special Education** - designed to prepare teachers of young children (birth through grade 3), this 24 credit hour endorsement develops reflective practitioners who possess theoretical and practical developmental, educational, communicative, collaborative, and family- and child-centered skills. Contact janice.ewing@wichita.edu, 316-978-3322.

Each of the following endorsements comprise 28 credit hours. Contact kay.gibson@wichita.edu, 316-978-5569.

- **Adaptive Special Education** - designed to prepare teachers of students with mild and moderate disabilities.
- **Functional Special Education** - designed to prepare teachers of students with severe and multiple disabilities.
- **Gifted Education** - designed to prepare teachers of students with advanced intellectual abilities.
- **Reading Specialist** - for those who have a valid Kansas teaching license and a graduate degree in an education field, this program offers an Ed.S. Through authentic, research-based activities, students learn how to make a positive difference in the lives of readers. Contact kim.mcdowell@wichita.edu, 316-978-6873.
- **ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)** - this program offers a six-course curriculum to facilitate the student's acquisition of knowledge, skills and dispositions to effectively teach and work with speakers of other languages. Contact ahn.tran@wichita.edu, 316-978-6934.

Certifications

- **Graduate Certificate in Literacy** - this program provides graduate level studies in literacy for educators who wish to advance their knowledge and skills of teaching literacy in the classroom and integrate literacy into all content areas. Contact kim.mcdowell@wichita.edu, 316-978-6873.
- **Graduate Certificate in Play Therapy** - designed to meet training standards for play therapists established by the Association of Play Therapy, this program requires a master’s degree in counseling, social work, or a closely related field. Contact ruth.hitchcock@wichita.edu, 316-978-6338.
- **Graduate Certificate in Educational Technology** - designed to provide graduate-level studies in computer technology for educators who wish to: (a) advance their knowledge of computers in education, (b) integrate technology into classroom instruction, or (c) use technology for communication with students, parents, and community. Contact mara.alagic@wichita.edu, 316-978-6974.
- **Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Leadership** - designed to prepare current and prospective college or university staff members for entry- to mid-level positions as administrators in two- and four-year colleges and universities. Contact jean.patterson@wichita.edu, 316-978-6392.

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