



Online Programs in Curriculum and Instruction



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“Every student in our M.Ed. program, whether online or in residence, is connected directly to our faculty in their roles as instructors and advisers. We are experienced educators who value our students as professionals and embrace inquiry as a way of discovering new insights, solving educational problems, and improving daily practice.”

—Rose Mary Zbiek
Professor of Education/Mathematics Education
Department Head, Curriculum and Instruction



Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Penn State World Campus and Penn State's College of Education have partnered to offer you a 30-credit online Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Curriculum and Instruction with six paths: children's literature; STEM education; elementary education; curriculum and supervision; a specialized path in English language arts, world languages/ESL, or social studies; and a custom path in curriculum and instruction. You will work closely with your faculty adviser to create your own customized degree. This M.Ed. has the same curriculum as our prestigious, high-quality resident program and is taught largely by the

same faculty. The program requires a master's inquiry project/paper where you can connect course content to your professional goals and setting.

The M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction is designed for education professionals, including PK-12 teachers, seeking professional learning opportunities related to curriculum, teaching, learning, and educational supervision. This online program can equip you to meet the challenges of education in diverse and ever-changing social, cultural, political, economic, and physical environments.

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Curriculum and Instruction Offers a Choice of Six Paths

Children's Literature

The children's literature path of the master's degree is designed for teachers and librarians who work with young readers. The program focuses on helping you to improve your strategies for encouraging children to read. If you have a passion for children's literature and want to help improve the reading habits of young people, this program is right for you.

STEM Education

The STEM education path is intended for educators who wish to deepen their understanding of how students learn STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) subjects and how the subject areas interact. The curriculum is designed to sharpen and enhance your STEM teaching and presents cutting-edge, research-based instructional STEM practices.

Elementary Education

This path is intended for elementary teachers and education professionals who are interested in the teaching and learning of children in elementary

school or related settings. You can familiarize yourself with language and literacy, classroom management, effective teaching practices, second language teaching, and science or mathematics education, drawing on your own professional experiences. Upon completion of the program, you will be better equipped to provide leadership in a variety of roles in elementary school settings and to improve on educational practices.

Curriculum and Supervision

The curriculum and supervision path is intended for professionals who have a passion for student, teacher, and school development. As a student, you will explore curriculum, professional development, teacher leadership, and instructional supervision holistically, using a broad perspective of schooling. Along with other students and faculty, you will study and conduct research that will contribute to your understanding of how teachers learn and develop in a variety of formal and informal learning communities.

English Language Arts, World Languages/ESL, or Social Studies

This specialized path allows focused study in your subject of interest—English language arts/literacy, world languages/ESL/ELL, or social studies/history. In consultation with your faculty adviser, you will plan a 15-credit program of study that consists of specialized classes and other courses relevant to your professional interests. This may include some higher-level content courses in your subject field (such as English, applied linguistics, history, and sociology).

Custom Path in Curriculum and Instruction

The custom path provides a broad experience across the different fields of curriculum and instruction, allowing you to study a wide range of educational topics. In consultation with your faculty adviser, you will choose at-large from all of our Penn State World Campus education courses to plan a 15-credit program of study that serves your intellectual interests and professional goals.

Graduate Certificate in Children's Literature

The 15-credit online Graduate Certificate in Children's Literature is designed for teachers, school librarians, and aspiring authors and illustrators who want to help children discover the joys of reading. With proper planning, all credits earned in this certificate may be applied toward the children's literature path of the online Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Online Delivery Experience— Penn State World Campus

In 1892, Penn State founded one of the nation's first correspondence courses. Over the years, our distance education options have evolved to include technology-enhanced learning experiences, culminating in the foundation of Penn State World Campus in 1998. As a pioneer in distance learning, we have significant experience in understanding the needs of off-campus students.

You can experience courses that are:

- › designed around best practices in online delivery
- › taught by faculty with experience teaching in an online environment
- › created using technology to support successful learning outcomes, not just for convenience

Faculty Expertise

Penn State's College of Education is consistently ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top U.S. colleges and universities that prepare teachers. And the same industry-respected faculty who teach on campus teach our online courses. The online environment of the

curriculum and instruction programs allows you to interact frequently with your faculty, providing opportunities to share insights and reinforce what you are learning. And, with our global community of adult learners exchanging ideas and experiences, you will be as close to the face-to-face experience as possible.

An Exceptional Student/Alumni Body

Whether you take our courses online or in a traditional classroom, you become a "Penn Stater" who is part of:

- › an institution with more than 150 years of excellence in teaching, research, and service
- › a proud worldwide network of more than 692,000 alumni and, upon your graduation, you can choose to join the largest dues-paying alumni association in the world, with more than 173,000 members



Begin Your Application Today

Application Materials for the M.Ed.

- › online application and fee
- › a copy of an official transcript from each institution attended
- › statement of purpose
- › two references
- › résumé
- › writing sample
- › TOEFL or IELTS scores, if applicable



To apply or for more information about these application materials, visit:
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To apply to the Graduate Certificate in Children's Literature program, visit:
worldcampus.psu.edu/ccl

Did You Know?

- › Penn State has aligned its online programs, student support services, policies, and procedures to support military personnel, veterans, and military family members.
- › Penn State World Campus has enrolled students from all 50 states and all 7 continents.
- › Our online courses involve frequent interactions between students and with instructors.
- › Penn State credits and degrees earned online are identical to those earned on campus.



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