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MASTER OF ARTS IN URBAN SPECIAL EDUCATION

(23 credits for Cross-Categorical Special Education licensure; plus 8 additional credits for Master degree)

The Master of Arts in Urban Special Education is designed for students who want to obtain a Cross Categorical Special Education (#801) license. Licensure may be earned at either the Middle Childhood to Early Adolescence (1-8th grade) or Early Adolescence to Adolescent level (6-12th grade). This is a post-baccalaureate program for individuals who desire to work with learners in special education programs in high-need schools. It has an urban focus that aims to prepare teachers to teach in culturally and linguistically diverse settings.

This program serves students who work towards licensure while they serve as teachers of record within Milwaukee-area schools in the area of cross categorical special education at the elementary through high school level. Students who are not currently teachers of record can either obtain their own employment within a special education classroom while attending this program, or, if necessary, the University can place them in urban special education environments as they work to meet the requirements of the program.

Unique to this program is the assignment of a Stritch mentor to each teacher candidate throughout the duration of the program. The mentor supports teacher candidates within their classroom on a weekly basis and helps them navigate their role as a special education teacher as well as apply the content they are learning in their University courses.

After successful completion of the requirements for teacher licensure, students are eligible to return to the MUE Program to complete the required course options to earn a Masters of Arts in Urban Special Education Degree.

PROGRAM FORMAT

Coursework is offered in a supportive cohort model and follows the University semester. All of our courses are conveniently offered in the evening beginning at 5pm. Students attend class once a week with the expectation of weekly online sessions/assignments.

For most of our students, field experiences and student teaching are completed on the job. If a student is not a teacher of record in a Milwaukee-area school, the University will place the student in an unpaid placement to complete the program requirements.

Students earn their licensure in less than two years with the option of earning a master's in two years.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Cross Categorical Special Education License

MUE 512 Language, Literacy, and Learning
MUE 513 Field Experience Special Education I
MUE 514 Literacy and Learning in the Upper Grade Levels
MUE 533 Field Experience Special Education III
MUE 536 Methods for Meeting Individual Student Needs
MUE 545 Supporting Students in the School Environment
MUE 565 Formal and Informal Assessment
MUE 543 Student Teaching: Urban Special Education
EMA 604 Professional Development Seminar

In addition to the courses for licensure, for the master's degree, the following additional courses must be completed:

HESA 550 Fundamentals of Research Methods in Education
MUE 555 Collaborating with Families and Communities
INED 534 Autism and Communication Disorders