



Online Programs in Curriculum and Instruction



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“Our M.Ed. program is designed to support educators to improve their practice and deepen their understanding of how research can inform their problems of practice. We have a wonderful group of experienced faculty who are excited to support students with both courses and with advising.”

—**Dr. Scott McDonald**
Professor of Education (SCIED)
Director, Kraus Innovation Studio



Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Penn State World Campus and the Penn State College of Education have partnered to offer a 30-credit online Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Curriculum and Instruction with course work that's personalized and applicable to your career. Whether you seek depth in a single area or choose an interdisciplinary approach, you will work closely with a faculty adviser to choose from courses in a variety of disciplines to customize a plan of study that makes sense for you.

This M.Ed. features the same curriculum as our prestigious, high-quality residential program, taught largely by the same faculty. The program requires a master's inquiry project (paper, portfolio, or children's book) through which you can connect course content to your professional goals. While the course work is asynchronous and the curriculum is personalized, learning happens in a community with your instructors and peers. Much of the course work is completed in collaboration with others through discussion boards and group projects.



A Program Designed to Prepare Educators to Make an Impact

The M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction is designed for K–12 teachers as well as a wide range of education professionals, including curriculum specialists, paraprofessionals, librarians, out-of-school educators, and more. It is ideal for education professionals who are 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.

While this program is not designed to lead to initial teacher certification in any state, it may help you renew or maintain your existing certification if you are already a certified teacher. You are encouraged to check with your state’s Department of Education for renewal and maintenance requirements.

Program Requirements

The M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction is structured around these requirements.

Core Course Work (12 credits)

- › 3-credit core colloquium (first course)
- › 9 additional credits of core courses — learning, curriculum, research

Personalized Course Work (18 credits)

- › 15 credits with a personalized focus

Personalize your course work by focusing on one disciplinary area or select courses across multiple areas. Choose from a variety of disciplines, including children’s literature, curriculum and supervision, elementary education, English language arts, multilingual education, social studies, and STEM education.

- › 3 credits of an additional approved elective

There is a children’s literature path for students seeking to specialize in literature for children and adolescents. This path requires you to take LLED 568: Doing Research in Children’s Literature as a core course and LLED 502: Studies in Literature for Children as a personalized course selection.

In this online M.Ed. program, you can:

- › explore how to design, evaluate, and apply curriculum resources and provide curriculum leadership in your school and/or district

- › cultivate an inquiry stance by studying your own practice as you apply new pedagogical approaches designed to benefit learners and making responsive adjustments to curriculum, instruction, and/or assessment
 - › enhance your understanding of the challenges facing education today and the significant role of education in schools and society
 - › gain a deeper understanding of how to equitably support learners' sense-making within and across content areas
 - › learn how to bridge research and practice through independent research mentored by top faculty in the field
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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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Why Penn State World Campus?

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 775,000 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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