Master's Degree (M.Ed.) in Elementary Education with ESOL plus Certification

Information Sheet

The Master's Degree in Elementary Education with ESOL plus Certification program provides an opportunity for people to prepare for a new career in teaching. The program is designed for students who already have a bachelor's degree and intend to become excellent elementary school teachers in grades K-6. Upon completion of the NCATE-approved program, which includes student teaching, the student is eligible for both Florida Professional Certification and a M.Ed. in Elementary Education. Please be advised that you can take no more than 1/3 of the credits in this program as a non-degree student before being officially admitted. If you have questions about any of the course work before being admitted, please email the Department of Teaching and Learning at DeptTeachLearn@fau.edu.

Advisement: An advisor will be assigned upon acceptance to the program. The Program of Study is to be done together with your advisor on the forms available through the Graduate College.

General Education Courses: 24 credits
Take each of the following courses:
- EDF 3210 Applied Learning Theory
- EDF 3430 Educational Measurement and Evaluation (Dept. of Educational Leadership)
- EDF 3610 Education in a Multicultural Society (Dept. of Curriculum, Culture, and Ed. Inquiry)
- EEX 4070 Inclusive Education for General Educators (Dept. of Exceptional Student Education)
- TSL 4080 Introduction to TESOL (Dept. of Curriculum, Culture, and Ed. Inquiry)
- EME 4810 Applied Educational Technology
- LAE 4353 Language Arts and Literature: Birth-Grade 8
- EDG 3323 Effective Teaching Practices 1 (Taken last in Core courses; not usually offered in summer)

Area of Specialization Courses: 32 credits (must be taken after the General Education courses above)
Take each of the following courses:
- ARE 6317 Art in Elementary Schools
- HSC 5315 Teaching Health in Elementary School (Dept. of Exercise Science and Health Promotion)
- MUE 4013 Music: Elementary School 1 (2 credits)
- MAE 6151 Mathematics: Elementary and Middle School
- RED 6351 Developmental Reading
- EDG 6937 Special Topics
- SCE 6151 Science: Elementary and Middle School
- SSE 6151 Social Studies: Elementary and Middle School

The following courses should be taken at the end of the program, just before student teaching:
TSL 4081  TESOL Issues and Practices (Dept. of Curriculum, Culture, and Ed. Inquiry)
   (TSL 4080 is a prerequisite; not usually offered in summer)

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   RED 6518  Reading Diagnosis & Practice (RED 6351 is a prerequisite)
   EDG 3324  Effective Teaching Practices II (EDG 3323 is a prerequisite; not usually offered in summer)

Research/Statistics Courses: 6 credits (Dept. of Educational Leadership)
   Take both of the following:
   STA 6113  Educational Statistics (should be taken prior to or concurrently with EDF 6481
   EDF 6481  Educational Research (prerequisite or co-requisite: STA 6113)

Capstone Experience: 6-10 credits
   EDG 6940*  Internship Student Teaching
   (Teaching in a public school setting 5 days a week during fall or spring semester)

   * Prior to the student teaching internship the student must complete:
      (1) all program courses
      (2) the Professional and Subject sections of the FTCE
      (3) the appropriate sections of the General Knowledge sections of the FTCE

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

   Admission to the Master's Degree in Elementary Education with ESOL plus Certification program requires submission of the graduate application form. You will find information about the application process at http://www.fau.edu/graduate/. You must complete the actual graduate application online. In addition, in order to be considered for the Degree Program, you must submit all of the following documentation to Florida Atlantic University:

   1. Official transcripts of all undergraduate coursework.
   2. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
   3. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.

   The admission decision is based on one of the following:
   • A grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 or better in all work attempted while registered as an upper division student working for a baccalaureate degree;
   • GRE test score of 154 (verbal) and 144 (quantitative). For GRE exams taken prior to August 1, 2011, a minimum combined score of 1000 (quantitative and verbal). GRE scores must not be more than 5 years old (unless age of score is waived by petition submitted with application),
   • A graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

   All College of Education Programs are approved by the Florida Department of Education and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). This State and NCATE approval represents the transferability of your teaching credentials from state-to-state. Please keep and consult the Florida Atlantic University catalog from the semester that you were admitted to the program, for more details regarding your program.

   Once admitted into the master’s degree program, you must:
      1. Register for at least one course in the semester to which you are admitted, and
2. Take and pass all four sections of the General Knowledge sections on the FTCE by the end of the first semester of your master’s degree program. There are no exceptions or waivers to this General Knowledge test requirement.

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