

Master of Education with a Major in Curriculum and Instruction in Accomplished Teaching

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On-line collaborative degree with Columbus State University and Georgia Southern University

Admission Requirements

1. Must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution.
2. Must have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) or combined undergraduate and graduate GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. VSU has a "no forgiveness policy" when calculating GPAs. Applicants not meeting the required GPA may be eligible for admission by an alternative pathway. (See the Graduate Programs page (<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/our-programs/>).)
3. Must have a valid Level 4 or higher Induction, Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate, service field certificate, or Life certificate in the State of Georgia. Teachers certified in states other than Georgia may be eligible. To qualify, a teacher must hold the equivalent of a Georgia clear/renewable teaching certificate. VSU reserves the right to request additional documentation, if needed.

Program Retention, Dismissal, and Readmission Policies

1. The maximum time allowed for completion of the degree is seven calendar years. No work completed more than seven years prior to degree completion will be accepted toward the degree, except with special permission from the student's advisor and approval from the Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and Research.
2. No more than 9 semester hours of academic work may be transferred from another institution into a College of Education and Human Services graduate program. Transfer credit will be evaluated after admission by the academic department.
3. Earning grades below "B" in graduate courses will result in the following consequences: students will be dismissed from the Graduate School if they accumulate three or more academic deficiency points unless otherwise indicated by individual program policy. A grade of "C" (although it may be credited toward a degree) equals one deficiency point. A grade of "D," "WF," "F," or "U" (none of which will be credited toward a degree) equals two deficiency points.
4. If dismissed from the program, a student must not be enrolled for two semesters. Application for readmission may be initiated during the second semester. Readmission is not guaranteed, and prior academic performance and student conduct/disposition in the program will be considered. The academic program reserves the right to place specific conditions and contingencies on any offer of readmission.

Program Completion Requirements

1. A 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) is required for graduation. No grade below a "C" will be credited toward the degree.
2. Candidates must submit an application for graduation at least one semester prior to their expected graduation date.

Note: According to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC), all candidates applying for a certificate in Curriculum and Instruction are required to present passing scores on Georgia's state-approved educator certification assessment(s) for Curriculum and Instruction. The Valdosta State University Dewar college of Education and Human Services requires all candidates to take the appropriate state-approved assessment(s) for program completion. Candidates are not required to pass the state-approved assessment(s) in order to graduate from the program but cannot be recommended for certification until they successfully complete all coursework and pass the Georgia state-approved assessment(s) for certification in Curriculum and Instruction.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		9
EDAT 5999	Professional Orientation	0
EDAT 7100	Research Methodology in Education	3
EDAT 7133	Trends, Issues and Research in Education	3
EDAT 6159	Multicultural Studies across the Curriculum	3
Georgia Framework Domains		18
EDAT 6226	Curriculum Design for Student Achievement	3
EDAT 6115	Knowledge of Students and Their Learning	3
EDAT 7132	Framework for Teaching	3
EDAT 6001	Using Assessment to Improve Teaching and Learning	3

EDAT 7131	Enhancing Student Performance	3
EDAT 6000	Professional Decision Making	3
Approved Electives		9
Total hours required for the degree		36