## Curriculum and Instruction

### Available Degrees

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<td><strong>MA</strong></td>
<td>Students reflect on what should be taught, how it should be taught, and why, as they learn to develop research-based curriculum and instructional practices.</td>
<td>45 credit hours with 9 credit hours in a specific cognate area</td>
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<td><strong>EdD</strong></td>
<td>Candidates develop curricular expertise, applied research skills, and a creative educational vision. They delve deeply into issues, theory, and practice surrounding equity and social responsibility.</td>
<td>65 credit hours with 9–24 credits in a specialization area; completion of a qualifying portfolio, examination and dissertation in practice</td>
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<td><strong>PhD</strong></td>
<td>Designed for education professionals who have intellectual curiosity, leadership potential, and moral drive to address inequities in classrooms.</td>
<td>90 credit hours with 18 credits of cognate courses in a specific specialization; completion of a qualifying portfolio, examination and dissertation project</td>
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Students attain skills for understanding how curriculum is created and delivered for optimal learning.

Whether pursuing a career as a curriculum developer, professor, consultant, independent educator, or K-12 practitioner, students learn how to design and implement innovative and imaginative curriculum for all types of learners in formal and informal settings, from preschool to high school to higher education.

**Specialization areas include:**
- Curriculum Studies
- Math Education
- Gifted Education
- Aesthetics
- Philosophy and History of Education
- Social Justice and Equity
- Teacher Education

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