



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL | MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

DEGREES OFFERED

- MEd in Adult & Higher Education
- MEd in Curriculum & Instruction
- MEd in Educational Leadership
- EdS in Educational Leadership
- EdD in Adult & Higher Education
- EdD in Curriculum & Instruction
- EdD in Educational Leadership
- PhD in Adult & Higher Education
- PhD in Curriculum & Instruction
- PhD in Educational Leadership
- College Teaching Certificate
- Library Media Certificate
- School Superintendent Certificate



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Education

The mission of the Department of Education is to prepare highly qualified professional educators, school leaders, researchers, and scholarly practitioners through exemplary campus and distance-based programs and field placements in quality public and private schools. In addition, the department contributes to the state of Montana and the nation through the faculty's active research and outreach efforts.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

College Teaching Certificate

This 12-credit graduate certificate is designed to enhance pedagogical knowledge and application for those who wish to teach in post-secondary settings. Coursework in this certificate can be applied toward a graduate degree program.

Library Media Certificate

This 21-credit online graduate certificate leads to K-12 library media licensure in Montana and many other states. There is an option to complete an M.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction with 9 additional credits.

Superintendent Certificate

This 15-credit graduate certificate leads to K-12 superintendent licensure in Montana. Coursework is completed through an intensive summer program with a semester long internship following the coursework.

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

MEd in Adult and Higher Education

This 30-credit program has three options. The Higher Education option is intended for individuals interested in working within a range of post-secondary settings such as registrar, institutional research & assessment, library, marketing, and entry level programming and administration. The Student Affairs option emphasizes student development & advising and is intended for individuals who will work within student affairs programs in higher education. The Adult Education option emphasizes fundamental skill and understandings of adult learners and is intended for individuals who will work within programs of adult education in contexts other than higher education institutions.

MEd in Curriculum & Instruction

This 30-credit program has two options. The Educational Researcher option requires research methods coursework and a thesis. The Professional Educator option provides current K-12 educators with a deeper understanding of content and pedagogy and is delivered totally online. *This program does not lead to K-12 educator licensure.*

MEd in Educational Leadership

This 30-credit program leads to K-12 principal licensure in Montana. Applicants must have three years of prior K-12 teaching experience.

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

PhD or EdD?

Graduates of the EdD and PhD programs in Education receive equally rigorous scholarly training. Both degrees require coursework that develops knowledge of the interdisciplinary nature of education, skills and expertise in the range of quantitative and qualitative methods needed to conduct high-quality and rigorous educational research, and values becoming of an ethical and scholarly researcher or practitioner.

Although these two programs share much in common, each program has a distinct focus. Graduates of the PhD program will be equipped with the knowledge, skills, and values to address gaps in research to inform the knowledge base in the field of education. Graduates of EdD programs will be equipped with the knowledge, skills, and values to address gaps in educational practice to inform leadership and instruction in a variety of P-20 and affiliated contexts.

EdS in Educational Leadership

This 30-credit degree program provides the skills and knowledge required for district superintendent and central office leadership. It includes coursework leading to K-12 superintendent licensure in Montana.

EdD in Adult and Higher Education

This 60-credit degree program has two options. The Higher Education Academics option is intended for individuals who will teach and/or provide academic leadership and support in the area of college teaching and learning within a diverse range of post-secondary settings. The Higher Education Administration option is intended for individuals who will contribute to the administrative leadership and support within a range of diverse post-secondary settings.

EdD in Curriculum & Instruction

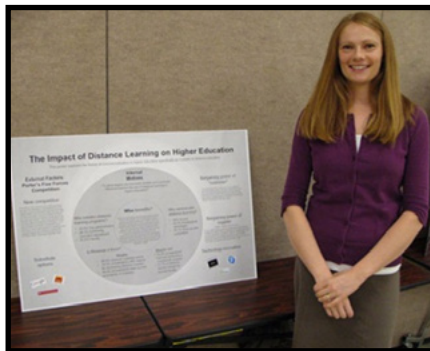
This 60-credit degree program emphasizes the study of disciplinary content knowledge and related theories guided by a scholar-practitioner approach that can be used to devise applied research studies designed to solve practical problems encountered in K-12 school systems.

EdD in Educational Leadership

This 54-credit degree program prepares K-12 school leaders using a scholar-practitioner framework. It includes coursework leading to K-12 superintendent licensure in Montana.

PhD in Education with options in Adult and Higher Education, Curriculum & Instruction, and Educational Leadership

This 66-credit degree program is designed for graduate students seeking faculty, administrative, or research positions in higher education or positions within organizations that require educational research in highly specialized disciplines.



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Program	Number of Credits	Typical # of Yrs. to Completion	GRE Required for Admission
Adult and Higher Education			
MEd	30	2.5	Yes
EdD	60	4	Yes
PhD	66	4	Yes
College Teaching Certificate	12	1	No
Curriculum and Instruction			
MEd	30	2-3	Ed Researcher Yes
EdD	60	3-4	Yes
PhD	66	4	Yes
Library Media Certificate	21	1-2	No
Educational Leadership			
MEd	36	2	No
EdS	30	2	No
EdD	54	4	Yes
PhD	66	4	Yes
Superintendent Certificate	15	1	No