CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum & Instruction

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overview of admissions & requirements: College of Education (https://education.illinois.edu/programs/grad/how-to-apply/?url=/programs/grad)

overview of grad college admissions & requirements: https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply (https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/)
department website: http://education.illinois.edu/ci (http://education.illinois.edu/ci/)
program website: College of Education Programs (https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs/)
department faculty: Curriculum & Instruction Faculty (https://education.illinois.edu/faculty-finder/ci/)
college website: http://education.illinois.edu/
department office: 142 Education Building, 1310 South Sixth Street, Champaign, IL 61820
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Graduate Degree Programs in Curriculum & Instruction

Curriculum and Instruction, EdM (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction-edm/) (on campus, off-campus & online)
optional concentrations: Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/)Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)

Curriculum and Instruction, MA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction-ma/)
optional concentrations: Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/)Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)

Curriculum and Instruction, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction-ms/)
optional concentrations: Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/)Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)

Curriculum and Instruction, CAS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction-cas/) (on campus, off-campus & online)
optional concentration: Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/)

Curriculum and Instruction, EdD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/curriculum-instruction-edd/) (on campus, off-campus & online)
optional concentrations: Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/)Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)

Curriculum and Instruction, PhD (p. 1)
optional concentrations (PhD only):
Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (http://www.slate.illinois.edu/)
Writing Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/)

Early Childhood Education, EdM (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/early-childhood-education-edm/) with teacher licensure
optional concentrations: Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/)Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)

Elementary Education, EdM (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/elementary-education-edm/) with teacher licensure
optional concentrations: Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/)Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)

Secondary Education, EdM (http://catalog.illinois.edu/gradservices@education.illinois.edu)
Through the Master of Education and the Certificate of Advanced Study, experienced teachers are prepared to become more competent and better informed practitioners who serve as leaders for educational reform in local schools and school districts.

Also offered are master’s degree programs leading to teacher licensure for individuals who have a degree in a field other than education and wish to become teachers. The three majors leading to licensure are Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 2), Elementary Education (Grades 1 - 6), and Secondary Education (Grades 9 - 12). In addition to completing the courses required for an Ed.M. degree, students in these programs follow the same sequence of professional education courses as undergraduate students.

Only master’s students wishing to become licensed teachers in one of these three areas should apply to the Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, or Secondary Education majors. Master’s candidates who do not wish to become teachers, or are already teachers, should apply to the major in Curriculum and Instruction.

Two doctoral degree programs are offered. The Ph.D. program prepares degree candidates for careers involving research and scholarship, including those in colleges and universities where research is generally combined with teacher education. The Ed.D. Program prepares scholarly practitioners for leadership positions in teacher training institutions, state education agencies, and public school districts.

Length of time for a degree: an Ed.M. program can be completed in a calendar year, while the M.S. or M.A. often takes longer. The Ed.M. with licensure typically takes two years to complete. Doctoral programs usually require four to five years of full time study.

Admission

Interested applicants should start at http://education.illinois.edu/programs/grad/ (http://education.illinois.edu/programs/grad/). In addition to the application, the applicant is required to submit the following information: a statement of purpose, updated resume, official transcripts from all colleges attended, and three letters of recommendation. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores must be submitted for all doctoral applicants. A scholarly writing sample in English, such as a master’s thesis, article, or paper, is required for application to a doctoral program. Note: The master’s with teacher licensure program only admits students for the fall term.

International applicants must submit TOEFL scores. The Department of Curriculum and Instruction’s TOEFL requirement for full status admission is greater than 102; the minimum score for limited status is 550 on the paper-based test, 79 on the internet-based test and 213 on the computer-based test. International applicants must also submit a Declaration and Certification of Finances. Please note: TOEFL or IELTS scores must be less than two years old from the first day of class at the proposed term of entry in order to be valid. In addition, individual academic programs may require a higher score, or evidence of spoken English language proficiency; contact your proposed program of study office (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/depts/) for the minimum TOEFL, TSE, or IELTS requirement for admission. For additional details, refer to the Graduate College Handbook www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c/).

Faculty Research Interests

For information about specific faculty research interests, current grants, and publications, please visit the Faculty Finder (https://education.illinois.edu/faculty-finder/).

Financial Aid

Financial aid in the form of assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, and tuition waivers can be found throughout the college (https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/financial-aid/) and campus. Campus opportunities can be found at the Graduate College (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/funding-jobs/) and the Office of Student Financial Aid (http://www.osfa.illinois.edu/). Please note: Graduate students employed as Staff by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are not eligible for a College of Education Award or Scholarship.

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum & Instruction

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction offers many programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). A list of programs and additional requirements can be found on the program’s website, (https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs/?degree=edd&department=ci) the College of Education Graduate Programs Handbook (https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/), and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

Students may select a concentration in Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/), Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (http://www.slate.illinois.edu/), or Writing Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/).
Completion of at least 64 hours beyond the master’s degree including:

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Total Hours 64

**Other Requirements**

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¹ All students will take a minimum of 16-20 credit hours, depending on area of methodology focus, in approved research methods courses (https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/phd/#PhDResearch).