COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

EDUCATION DEGREES
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Empowering Education Professionals

As an advocate and thought leader in education, Purdue Global’s education degrees help professionals advance their career in education, whether they are currently educators or aspire to teach. We offer several degrees to help you build your credentials, understanding, and skills in several educational professions, including teaching K–12 or higher education classrooms; the professional development and training of adults in corporate, military, and nonprofit environments; and foundational roles in teaching and development such as educational psychology, instructional technology, assessment and evaluation, and others.

Practical and Relevant Knowledge

Once you enroll, you will join a community of dedicated educators who share a common goal of reaching and inspiring learners of all ages and abilities. Through course curriculum, special events, and discussion opportunities, you will get the chance to network and interact with education professors and fellow students from around the world.

Courses are taught by professionals with real-world experience in the fields they teach. This blend of academic and real-world experience makes them uniquely qualified to provide you with relevant skills and information that you can apply on the job right away.

Online Platform for the Working Professional

Earning your education degree online with Purdue Global means you can pursue your educational goals without putting your life on hold. Classes fit into your schedule and give you the flexibility you require. Our collaborative learning environment encourages students and faculty to share and discuss their experiences and best practices so you can connect and immediately apply that information in your current workplace.

Online student support services include career services, academic support centers, a library, honor societies and student clubs, and more. University staff are available to support you all along the way.

Recognizing Your Drive, Time, and Financial Investment

Purdue Global understands that earning your degree is a significant investment. To help you succeed, we offer several opportunities to help you save both time and money as you earn your degree.

Transfer Credit Opportunities: Teachers who have earned National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) status through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards may receive transfer credit for three courses within the Master of Science in Education (Curriculum Design, Student Assessment, and Transforming Teaching Practice). That’s a total of 14 quarter credit hours, which could reduce the length of your program and lead to over $5,800 in tuition savings.
• **School District Alliance Tuition Reductions:** We have formed alliances with select districts to offer faculty reduced tuition rates. Call us to find out if your district is part of our alliance, the special tuition rates that might be available, or how your district can join.

• **Master of Arts in Teaching Classroom Pathways Bundle:** As a student participating in this pathway, you’ll have American Board Plus+ Program resources and certification examination costs included in the price of tuition; one less thing to think about on your path to becoming a certified teacher. See the Master of Arts in Teaching program page for additional information.

• **Savings for Military Students:** We offer reduced tuition rates to servicemembers, including Guard and Reserve, military veterans, and their spouses.

• **6-Week Terms:** Most of our education degree programs are available in 6-week terms that allow you to complete your degree at a pace that works well with your schedule.
ACADEMIC QUALITY

Purdue Global is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC). This accreditation covers our academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. For more information, please visit the HLC website at HLCommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

Faculty and industry advisory boards continually review and improve our programs and courses to ensure they meet our learning outcomes and student expectations, and remain relevant to current industry trends.

Professors at Purdue Global are experienced practitioners as well as instructors, so you can benefit from their first-hand knowledge and subject-matter proficiency. All of our education faculty members hold a doctorate; so unlike many other schools, you will never be taught by a graduate student.
MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

MEET THE DEAN

I strongly believe that Purdue Global is a very special place for students to learn, collaborate with other professionals, and most importantly, be part of a community committed to excellence.

Whether you are developing current skills or learning new ones, our faculty and administrators are here to ensure all students become more effective and caring educators. Our team’s mission is to develop leaders in education by focusing on constant learning and reflection, ongoing improvement of professional practice, and making meaningful contributions to the lives of learners. Our faculty members are leaders in their respective fields and continually stay abreast of the latest technologies, best practices, and research so that they can enrich the lives of our students.

We welcome you to join our mission so that, in turn, you can carry the torch and become a leader in your community.

Sara Sander, PhD
PhD in Education, Emphasis in Adult Education, Capella University
MA and BA in Communications, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
PROGRAMS

Whether you are an experienced teacher or trainer currently working in a classroom, a new convert to the field of education, or somewhere in between, we meet you where you are and help you take that next step.

Master of Arts in Teaching

The Master of Arts in Teaching program is specifically designed for career changers. If you want to teach but your bachelor’s degree or current job is in another field, our coursework prepares you to make the transition by providing a solid foundation in teaching methods for beginning teachers.

We’ll help build your knowledge, which will, in turn, build your confidence as you enter your new career. The curriculum focuses on the knowledge and skills relevant to secondary (grades 5–12) teachers and is based on nine program competencies that meet national and state professional standards.

The program prepares career changers to teach diverse learners and become reflective decision-makers who promote student learning. Applicants must have never held a prekindergarten through 12th grade teaching license or been a Teacher of Record or classroom teacher. The program is not for existing teachers looking for an advanced teacher preparation track.

The program could help graduates become teachers in specific states in which we have established partnerships with state-approved alternative certification programs or via the Classroom Pathways Bundle. Please note that completing the Master of Arts in Teaching is not required to pursue a state alternative teacher certification program. Purdue Global cannot recommend students for licensure.

Students residing in Iowa or Kentucky may not enroll in this program due to state department of education regulations.

“...I was able to complete my master’s degree in teaching in 13 months and take the math certification exam right away. The length of time that it took to finish my master’s degree was a factor in making the decision to change my career.”

GENEVIEVE KOENS, GRADUATE
Master of Arts in Teaching
Classroom Pathways Bundle

While Purdue Global cannot recommend candidates for licensure, we do offer a pathway to certification through the Master of Arts in Teaching Classroom Pathways Bundle. The American Board Certification of Teacher Excellence (American Board) is a nonprofit organization established by the U.S. Department of Education that offers a state-approved route to certification in Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, and Wisconsin. Upon acceptance into the Classroom Pathways Bundle Program, you will enter the Master of Arts in Teaching program and have access to the American Board Plus+ Program resources to help you prepare for the pedagogy and subject-area exams. American Board program resources and examination costs are included in the price of tuition for the Classroom Pathways Bundle; one less thing to think about on your path to becoming a certified teacher.

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Master of Science in Education

Are you ready to take your education career to the next level? Our Master of Science in Education program is designed to prepare you for a teaching career in which you will have the power to influence, motivate, and empower future generations. This program is not an introduction to teaching. Rather, it was created specifically for trained teachers—those who want to improve their practical teaching skills, increase their professional marketability, and pursue career advancement in areas such as teacher leadership, professional development, or mentoring.

Job-embedded assignments mean you “take it to the classroom” and apply what you are learning in real time. And your students will have the opportunity to benefit from what you are learning right away—we call it the “ever-expanding circle of success.”

This program is based upon nationally recognized standards developed by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

CONCENTRATIONS

The program offers three concentrations:

- Educational Leadership
- Teaching Literacy and Language
- Teaching Students With Special Needs

At this time, residents of Kentucky may not enroll in this program. The program is not state approved for teacher certification or endorsements of any kind. Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet the requirements for any specific state or school system for pay increase or job advancement purposes, or licensure or certification. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.

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**CONCENTRATIONS**
Courses are completed within the open electives requirement of the degree plan.

Option I: Teaching Literacy and Language

- LT504 Reading Diagnosis and Remediation | 4 |
- LT516 Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum | 4 |
- LT520 Approaches to Literacy | 4 |

Option II: Teaching Students With Special Needs

- SN501 Teaching Exceptional Students in Inclusive Settings | 4 |
- SN502 Teaching Students With Learning Disabilities | 4 |
- SN503 Teaching Students With Behavioral Disorders | 4 |

**EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION TRACK**

**CORE REQUIREMENTS**

- ED502 Transforming Teaching Practice | 4 |
- ED503 Educational Psychology | 4 |
- ED522 Classroom Management | 5 |
- ED532 Curriculum Design | 5 |
- ED533 Perspectives on Diversity | 4 |
- ED552 Educational Leadership | 5 |
- ED562 Student Assessment | 5 |
- IX540 Research Methods for Education and Instructional Technology | 5 |
| **TOTAL CORE REQUIREMENTS** | 37 |
| **OPEN ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS** | |
| Concentration Courses | 17 |
| **TOTAL OPEN ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS** | 17 |
| **TOTAL CREDITS** | 54 |

**CONCENTRATION**
Courses are completed within the open electives requirement of the degree plan.

Educational Leadership

- ER502 Leadership and Management in Education | 5 |
- ER504 Financial Issues of Education | 4 |
- ER506 Legal Issues in Education | 4 |
- ER508 Supervision and Instructional Leadership | 4 |
Master of Science in Higher Education

Purdue Global’s Master of Science in Higher Education is designed to prepare graduates for leadership and instructional positions in colleges and universities. Whether your goal is to work in higher education administration, policymaking, or teaching, our degree could help you succeed in the field.

The program features interactive courses led by distinguished faculty members who are dedicated to helping you pursue your educational goals. Learning activities allow you to examine the impact of issues, such as culture and diversity, technology, public policy, and financing, on a student’s ability to attend and succeed in college.

Your master’s degree may help you qualify for leadership positions; opportunities in staff development; or supervisory roles in student services and student affairs.1 This degree is designed to help you pursue or advance your career at a postsecondary institution; it is also an ideal stepping-stone for further doctoral-level studies.8

CONCENTRATIONS

The program offers three concentrations:

- College Administration and Leadership
- College Teaching
- Student Affairs

College teaching requirements vary by institution and program. This program was not designed to meet any specific state’s requirements for licensure or certification, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.

CONCENTRATIONS

Courses are completed within the open electives requirement of the degree plan.

Option I: College Administration and Leadership

- HES11 Departmental and Divisional Leadership 5
- HES13 Institutional Research and Strategic Planning 5
- HES25 Student Learning Assessment Methods 5
- HES43 Evaluation of Online Learning Programs 5

Option II: College Teaching

- HES21 Teaching Adult Learners 5
- HES23 Curriculum Design and Implementation 5
- HES25 Student Learning Assessment Methods 5
- HES45 Teaching and Learning Online 5

Option III: Student Affairs

- HES51 Student Affairs Foundation and Philosophy 5
- HES53 Current Issues in Student Affairs in Higher Education 5
- HES55 Student Affairs Administration in Ground and Virtual Environments 5
- HES94 Student Affairs Internship 5

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"The University really taught me how to teach online. They also taught me how to put together a learning program for adults. I was familiar with teaching children, but the University gave me the tools to successfully reach this different audience." 

PHILLIP COLLAZO, GRADUATE

Master of Science in Higher Education
Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology

Interested in pursuing or advancing a career in training or instructional technology? Purdue Global’s Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology is designed to help you reach your goals. The curriculum focuses on the design, development, and evaluation of instructional materials and programs, and the use of technology in the delivery of educational and training services. Coursework could prepare you for positions such as instructional designer, technologist, professional training specialist, and multimedia developer.¹

As technology continues to revolutionize the way we learn, this degree helps you gain current, tangible, and marketable skills and knowledge to put to use in the field.

ADULTS CONCENTRATION

Explore training models, technology, and learning management principles and practices used in instructional design and technology. Ideal for careers in corporate, military, or nonprofit training environments.

At this time, residents of Kentucky may not enroll in this program.

Graduate Certificate in Instructional Design and Technology

Purdue Global also offers an online Graduate Certificate in Instructional Design and Technology, which helps you develop skills to create relevant new curricula—and gives you the option to transfer the credits you earn into a Purdue Global master’s degree program.⁹ The certificate’s four courses teach development skills in technology, pedagogy, and management principles and practices. If you already work in the field, you can apply what you learn right away.

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Master of Science in Educational Psychology

Are you interested in helping institutions maintain educational quality? Do you have a desire to influence and improve learning environments? Purdue Global’s Master of Science in Educational Psychology focuses on helping you develop competencies to evaluate and recommend improvements in educational programs, student learning, and instruction.

Study how to build, implement, and evaluate instructional regimens that are both competitive and educationally effective. Courses are taught by supportive professionals with real-world experience, and the program offers a broad and diversified curriculum that focuses on educational psychology, improving educational programming for the twenty-first century, and research methodology.

At this time, residents of Kentucky may not enroll in this program. Students enrolled in the Master of Science in Educational Psychology must change to the 10-week A, B, or C track upon completion of all 6-week D track education coursework. This program is not focused on the clinical practice of school psychologists and was not designed to meet any specific state’s requirements for licensure or certification. Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.

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Purdue Global is committed to admitting individuals who are academically prepared to succeed in our programs. We are also committed to making the process as easy and straightforward as possible. Your Admissions Advisor will walk you through the entire process and is there to answer your questions.

Admissions Overview

Specific admissions requirements vary by program, and details can be found in the University Catalog (Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu). No matter what educational or career path you choose, you can expect to do the following:

- Complete an interview with your Admissions Advisor in which you identify your educational and professional goals, ask questions, and explore whether Purdue Global is right for you.
- Take a virtual tour to see what our online classrooms are really like.
- Submit any required documents (e.g., unofficial transcripts).
- Complete and sign your Enrollment Agreement.

Basic Requirements

ALL PURDUE GLOBAL EDUCATION DEGREE APPLICANTS

- You must have completed a bachelor’s degree program at an accredited college or university with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) or higher.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

- You will need to provide evidence of English language proficiency.
- You must have earned an equivalent, recognized baccalaureate degree. International transcripts submitted to Purdue Global must be evaluated by one of the approved agencies listed by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services on the following website: www.naces.org/members.htm. Official evaluated transcripts must be received by Purdue Global before you can enroll in a program.

Speak to your Admissions Advisor for information related to international availability. Not all programs are available for enrollment.
PAYING FOR SCHOOL

Explore Your Financial Options Before You Make Any Decisions

FINANCIAL AID
Our Financial Aid Office works with you from enrollment to graduation to ensure you understand your financial options and to help you plan the most efficient use of financial resources. We will help you craft a personalized financial plan that meets your particular needs.

Prior to enrolling at Purdue Global, you are encouraged to explore all available financial options, including employer tuition benefits, military tuition assistance, and tuition reductions.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Financial aid awards vary depending on individual student eligibility and need.

LOANS (SUBJECT TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS)
- Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- Federal PLUS Loan and Graduate Federal PLUS Loan
- Alternative Loans

OTHER AGENCIES OR PROGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS
- Promise Jobs
- Veterans Administration Benefits
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)
TRANSFER CREDITS

Purdue Global can help you maximize your transfer credits so you realize the most savings. If you already completed graduate-level courses at an accredited institution, we can help you earn college credit for what you already know. You might find your degree is a lot closer than you think. To apply for credit, you must first submit official transcripts, course descriptions, and supporting documentation to the Office of the Registrar. Visit Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.

UNCOMPROMISING SUPPORT

Purdue Global students receive personal academic support from day one to graduation. From a highly engaged faculty to technical support, you have access to the assistance to help you achieve your academic goals.

Student Support

Student support staff provide the following types of individualized support:

- Access to resources and academic tools
- Degree planning
- Answers to questions about your program
- Motivation to stay on track to graduation
- Course selection and registration
- Helping you handle issues before they become problems

Career Services

Career Services Specialists emphasize the practical, tangible steps you can take for results in the real world. Career Services offers:

- Career planning to ensure a personalized approach to pursuing your career goals
- Résumé and cover letter reviews, mock interview assistance, and networking advice
- 24/7 availability of the Career Services portal on Purdue Global Campus, which includes job postings and career services tools
- On-demand access to relevant information on résumé writing, interviewing, networking, and more
- A mentoring program to help connect you with alumni in your field

Tutoring Services and Academic Success Centers

Purdue Global offers rich academic support through a suite of tutoring services. Our Writing Center, Math Center, Technology Center, Science Center, and Business Center provide subject-specific assistance. Depending on the center, services include:

- Live tutoring for one-on-one support from professors and professional tutors
- Subject support including an essay review service
- Workshops covering a wide range of topics
- Podcasts, self-paced tutorials, and additional resources

Center for Disability Services

The Center for Disability Services is responsible for the coordination of services for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable and appropriate accommodations may request, through student support staff, to be placed in contact with the Center for Disability Services. Students may also directly contact the Center for Disability Services.
STUDENT EXPERIENCE

When you enroll at Purdue Global, you are joining a community of adult learners throughout the world who are committed to improving the quality of their lives by taking the next step in their education and in their careers. Clubs, interactive courses and seminars, and social media tools foster a strong sense of community among this group of dedicated students.

Online Campus

The “hub” of student life is your online campus, Purdue Global Campus. Here, you will find all of your courses, your degree plan, contact information for support services, and tools and resources to help you succeed.

Your Classroom

Courses are dynamic, interactive, and engaging. We use advanced technology and enhanced delivery methods to make classes accessible and easy to use. You can navigate lessons and explore web field trips with a click, and communicate with fellow students and faculty via email and discussion boards. Our user-friendly online classroom environment makes learning interactive and enjoyable.

Interaction With Faculty and Fellow Students

Interactive opportunities to network, communicate, and interact with faculty and other students include:

- Live seminars
- Roundtable discussions
- Speaker series webinars that connect students, alumni, subject-matter experts, and industry leaders
- Discussion boards to foster lively academic discussions

Clubs and Organizations

Purdue Global’s Office of Student Life offers programs and services aimed at helping students engage in their program of study outside the classroom and providing both personal and professional growth opportunities. Organizations offer students many opportunities to connect with their peers and faculty outside of the classroom. Organizations open to Purdue Global students include:

- Golden Key International Honour Society
- Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society
- Educators Association
- Science Club
- Autism Speaks U
- Student Military Association
- Opportunities With Life Studies (OWLS) Club

Alumni Benefits

We have an active alumni community and continue to honor their success after they complete their studies. Alumni have access to resources that include:

- Social media networking with other graduates
- Career services and job search assistance
- Alumni career networks
MILITARY OVERVIEW

Supporting Military Members, Veterans, and Their Spouses

If you or your spouse served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Purdue Global provides support to help you reach your educational and career goals—whether military or civilian.

- Reduced tuition for servicemembers, including National Guard and Reserve, spouses, and veterans
- Specially trained staff within our Military Student Support Center who understand military culture, procedures, and complex military educational benefits
- Compliance with Executive Order 13607, establishing principles of excellence for educational institutions serving servicemembers, veterans, their spouses, and other family members
- Special deployment policies if you must drop a course or take a leave of absence due to a deployment or change of orders

ABOUT PURDUE GLOBAL

Building on Purdue’s mission to provide greater access to affordable, world-class education, Purdue Global delivers a fully personalized online experience that’s tailored to working adults. By opening the doors to adults who need flexibility to fit learning into their busy lives, we make it possible to earn a degree from a school within the respected Purdue University system—completely online. Purdue Global offers more than 175 online programs at the associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral levels, with courses taught by highly respected faculty members who are experts in their fields. Our dedicated faculty and support teams are here every step of the way to help you achieve your goals, providing one-on-one mentoring, educational advising, and comprehensive career services to graduation and beyond.
If you have questions about admissions requirements or financial aid, or need help determining which program is right for you, contact an Advisor.

Call 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.