

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING



TRANSFORM YOUR CAREER—AND THEIR LIVES

Answer the call to teach. Students today need teachers who are knowledgeable, committed, and ready for a challenge. The Master of Arts in Teaching helps career changers gain the professional competencies required of middle and secondary educators (grades 5 through 12). Develop the tools you need to impact young lives through the power of learning.

WHY STUDY EDUCATION AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Complete the program 100% online, while meeting the demands of your career. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Enjoy a user-friendly, interactive classroom experience. Our learning platform encourages students and faculty to share and discuss their experiences and best practices so you can connect and integrate what you learn into your current workplace.

FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from faculty with extensive experience in teaching and education. All professors possess a doctorate degree and relevant industry credentials.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and faculty office hours. You will also have access to the Graduate Resource Center and no-cost tutoring. Academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.¹

PROGRAM OUTCOMES SUPPORT YOUR CAREER GROWTH

Prepare for Certification²

Although this program does not lead to direct certification, we offer a Classroom Pathways Bundle in partnership with the American Board's Plus Program to help you pursue certification in specific states.

How It Works: Upon graduating from our Master of Arts in Teaching program, you begin the American Board Plus Program. Once completed, you will have the opportunity to become a certified teacher in Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, or Wisconsin.³

Note: Completion of the Master of Arts in Teaching is not required to pursue a state alternative teacher certification program.

Build the Core Skills and Competencies to Become an Effective Teacher

The program helps you become proficient in nine program competencies, which are based upon national and state professional standards for beginning teachers. Prepare to teach diverse learners and promote student learning at the middle and high school levels.

- Employ the reflective decision-maker model and other research-based theories of learning.
- Master current issues in educational psychology and philosophical viewpoints that can affect teaching priorities and strategies.
- Develop skills for effective teaching, including designing curricula, organizing and managing a classroom, building literacy, and assessing secondary student learning.

CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is designed to help you become well versed in academic content, application and theory, assessment, professional responsibilities, and professional relationships at the middle and high school levels. Courses are updated regularly to reflect the latest developments in the field of education.

COURSES

- Educational Psychology
- Teaching Methods Through Differentiated Instruction
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Reading in the Content Areas
- Research on Effective Teaching
- Secondary Student Assessment
- Perspectives on Diversity
- Education and Psychology of Exceptional Children
- Educational Leadership
- History and Philosophy of Education
- Secondary Classroom Management

PROGRAM DETAIL

Credit Hours: 45

Program Length: Less than 1.5 years of full-time study

Course Load: 1 course per term

Terms: 6 weeks long

Start Dates: Every 6 to 7 weeks

Note: Program is not available to residents of Iowa or Kentucky.

IS THIS PROGRAM RIGHT FOR ME?

If you have already earned a bachelor's degree in another field of study or are working in another profession, this program can help you pursue your teaching career goals at the middle and high school levels. If you have current or previous K-12 teaching experience or have ever been certified to teach, consider our Master of Science in Education or one of our other education programs.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Master of Science in:

- Education (for existing teachers)
- Educational Psychology
- Higher Education
- Instructional Design and Technology



"I feel that the education that the University gave me made me grow in many ways. I went from being a businessperson where my sole goal was to make money for me and my company, to being a servicemember where I help out kids and their families."

Genevieve Koens

Master of Arts in Teaching⁴

CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK⁵

- Employment of middle and high school teachers is projected to grow from 2016 through 2026.
- The United States will need nearly 125,000 new middle and high school teachers in that time frame.
- This demand will be fueled by an increasing number of retiring teachers alongside an increase in the number of middle school students.

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES⁶

Day-to-Day Activities That Graduates May Perform:

- Help students learn and develop, and provide developmentally appropriate learning experiences that support student academic growth.
- Plan and provide equitable learning opportunities for students with diverse learning needs and for students from diverse cultural and linguistic areas.
- Plan instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, students, curriculum goals, research-based strategies, and the school/community context.
- Implement a variety of instructional strategies, including appropriate instructional technology and effective communication techniques, to develop student content knowledge, critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.
- Implement appropriate formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and ensure students' continuous academic, social, and physical development.
- Work competently and professionally with parents or caregivers, colleagues, supervisors, and the wider community.

CAREER SERVICES

Our team of Career Specialists connects you with job and networking opportunities, and offers the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society
Educators Association

Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at HLCcommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.



This accolade was awarded prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Purdue Global cannot guarantee future accolades.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at **844-PURDUE-G** or visit **www.PurdueGlobal.edu**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

- 1 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 2 Purdue Global cannot recommend students who complete the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) for licensure. Licensing requirements for teaching grades 5-12 vary by state. Earning a master's degree could provide you with the background and practical experience to meet nationally recognized standards; however, enrollment in the MAT is not required for pursuing a state alternative certification program. Purdue Global's MAT is not accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), which may be a requirement for certification or licensure in some states. The program is not state approved for teacher certification or endorsements of any kind, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet any specific state's requirements for licensure or certification. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.
- 3 Students must pass the American Board examinations to be eligible for certification in AK, AZ, FL, ID, MS, MO, NH, OK, PA, SC, TN, UT, or WI. Prior to enrolling in the Classroom Pathways Bundle, students must confirm they are eligible for a state alternative certification program. Students must confirm costs, deadlines, additional fees, required approvals, residency, and continuing requirements with American Board (ABCTE.org).
- 4 This testimonial was obtained by Kaplan University. Purdue University acquired Kaplan University in March 2018 and created Purdue University Global, which is following the same curriculum format and instructional delivery methods as developed and used by Kaplan University. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; student experiences may vary.
- 5 Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, High School Teachers, Middle School Teachers. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 6 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.