



Master of Science in EDUCATION

Come Back Stronger. Take Your Education Career Further.

Today's classrooms come in all shapes and sizes — from public and private schools to vocational programs and homeschooling environments. This is your time — your moment — to earn your master's degree and be ready for new opportunities serving diverse learners in all types of settings. Our highly relevant curriculum delivers the expertise you need to influence, motivate, and empower future generations. Through sustained learning, collegial discussions, and engaging follow-up, you'll gain the knowledge and practical teaching skills to make a lasting impact on student achievement.



Why Study Education at Purdue Global?

Built for Working Adults

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

Backed by the Power of Purdue

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the education field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Collaborative Learning Community

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.

Personalized Degree

Tailor this master's degree program to your unique talents and career goals by choosing a concentration in:

- Teaching literacy and language
- Teaching students with special needs
- Educational leadership

Expert Faculty

Learn from experienced faculty with the real-world experience in teaching and education to know what it takes to succeed in your field. All professors possess a doctorate degree and relevant industry credentials.

Personal Support

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

An Education That's Proven and Respected

Purdue Global is backed by Purdue University. One of the most prestigious universities in the world, Purdue ranked #16 overall and #1 in education among *Fast Company* magazine's prestigious **World's Most Innovative Companies**.¹



Curriculum

Our program is designed to help those interested in advancing or starting a career in K-12 education become well versed in academic content, application and theory, assessment, professional responsibilities, and professional relationships.² Courses are reviewed and revised regularly by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field of education.

Core Courses Include:

- Transforming Teaching Practice
- Research Methods
- Classroom Management
- Curriculum Design
- Educational Leadership
- Student Assessment

Concentrations

Customize your degree to develop specialized expertise in one of the following areas:

Teaching Literacy and Language (46 Credits)

Focus on developing curricula at the elementary and secondary levels in accordance with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards. Develop skills for teaching basic reading and writing skills to elementary, middle, and high school students.

Teaching Students With Special Needs (46 Credits)

Examine best practices and methods for adapting curricula to accommodate children with learning disabilities and behavioral disorders. Focus on interventions, transition planning, and complying with federal, state, and local requirements.

Educational Leadership (45 Credits)

Prepare to improve the school environment for students, teachers, and the community; enhance student learning; and follow nationally recognized standards. Examine best practices for school finance and operations, legal issues in education, curriculum development, and supervision and staff development. In addition, focus on special needs, diversity, and cultural concerns.

Alternative Certification

Career changers interested in becoming a teacher can pursue a pathway to certification in some states. The Master of Science in Education Classroom Pathways Bundle is an enrollment package that combines Purdue Global's Master of Science in Education with the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (American Board) Plus Program. American Board's Plus Program is a state-approved route to teacher certification in several states.

Program Detail:

Program Length: Less than 1.5 years of full-time study³
(1.5 years for educational leadership track)⁴

Course Load: 2 courses per session

Sessions: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year



Additional Programs

- Master of Science in Educational Psychology
- Master of Science in Higher Education
- Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology

Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

The demand for skilled professionals who can meet the needs of children with autism is expected to continue growing.

- About 109,000 openings for kindergarten and elementary school teachers are projected each year, on average, from 2022 to 2032.⁵
- The National Education Association (NEA) reports a large and growing teacher shortage,⁶ which creates a greater need for qualified teachers. Rising student enrollment in the face of increased numbers of retiring teachers will also fuel the demand.
- About 33,500 openings for special education teachers are projected each year from 2022 to 2032.

Career Services

Our team of Career Specialists offers the following services:

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

Student Organizations and Honor Societies

Our team of Career Specialists offers the following services:

- Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society
- Educators Association



Career Pathways and Outcomes⁷

Areas of Advancement

- Education administration and principalship
- K-12 teaching
- Career/technical education teaching
- Teaching leadership
- Professional development
- Curriculum development
- Mentoring

Day-to-Day Activities Graduates May Perform

Graduates could work in a variety of environments that support or work with children with autism, including:

- Provide developmentally appropriate learning experiences that support student academic growth.
- Plan and provide equitable learning opportunities for students with diverse learning needs and 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.
- Function competently and responsibly in all professional relationships, which include working with parents or caregivers, colleagues, supervisors, and the wider community.

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLCommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

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

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit info.purdueglobal.edu.

1 Source: <https://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list>. Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

2 Purdue Global cannot recommend students who complete the Master of Science in Education (MSE) for licensure. Licensing requirements for teaching grades K-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 MSE is not required for pursuing a state alternative certification program. The program is not state approved for teacher certification or endorsements of any kind. Refer to licensure.purdueglobal.edu for state-specific licensure information.

3 Completion time based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete.

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Students must pass the American Board examinations to be eligible for certification in AR, AZ, FL, ID, MS, MO, ND, NH, OH, OK, PA, SC, TN (Putnam County Public Schools, Crockett County Public Schools, and Tullahoma City Public Schools only), UT, or WI. Certification requirements vary from state to state. 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).

5 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Kindergarten and Elementary School Teachers, Middle School Teachers, High School Teachers, and Special Education 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 Source: National Education Association, 6 Charts that Explain the Educator Shortage, Stacey Pelika, September 30, 2022.

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