

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION



GAIN THE EXPERTISE TO EXPAND YOUR IMPACT ON DIVERSE LEARNERS

Today's classrooms come in all shapes and sizes, accommodating students in public and private schools, vocational programs, and even homeschooling environments. Purdue University Global's Master of Science in Education curriculum is designed to give K-12 teachers the power to influence, motivate, and empower future generations. Through sustained learning, job-embedded activities, collegial discussions, and engaging follow-up, you will acquire knowledge and practical teaching skills that can have a positive impact on student achievement.

WHY STUDY EDUCATION AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Complete your coursework 100% online, while meeting the demands of your teaching 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 classroom.

CUSTOMIZABLE 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

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.

TUITION SAVINGS FOR NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

If you have received National Board-Certified Teacher (NBCT) status, you can transfer credit for up to three courses, to lower your tuition and help you graduate faster.¹

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*.²



CURRICULUM

Our program is designed to help current K–12 teachers become well versed in academic content, application and theory, assessment, professional responsibilities, and professional relationships. 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 for Education and Instructional Technology
- 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 (54 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.

PROGRAM DETAIL

Program Length: Less than 1.5 years of full-time study
(1.5 years for educational leadership track)³

Course Load: 1 course per term

Terms: 6 weeks long

Start Dates: Every 6 to 7 weeks

“As an international student I was skeptical about the online courses and the difference in culture, but from the first phone call with my Admissions Advisor I knew that this was the school for me.”

Eva Coleman

Master of Science in Education Graduate⁴



ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Master of Arts in Teaching
- 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 OUTLOOK⁵

- Employment of K–12 teachers and principals is projected to grow from 2018 to 2028.
- 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.
- High school teachers specializing in subjects including special education should have the best job prospects, and special education teachers from K to 12 overall are expected to have good job opportunities.

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

- 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

- 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

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.

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 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy. In order to receive credit, you must request a letter of verification from NBPTS via their web form and attach the Articulation Partner Record Request Form (available from an Advisor) to the request. Verification from NBPTS must be received by Purdue Global's Office of the Registrar by the end of the first term.
- 2 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 3 Completion time based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete.
- 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 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, *Teacher Shortage is 'Real and Growing, and Worse Than We Thought'*, Tim Walker, April 3, 2019.
- 7 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. This 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.