

MEd – Curriculum & Instruction

Online or hybrid program

DIVISION OF EDUCATION | SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY



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Program Overview

Seattle Pacific University’s MEd in Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) provides four concentrations for teachers who wish to increase their instructional expertise and leadership capacity through a relevant and engaging program. Perhaps now more than ever, highly skilled teachers and teacher-leaders can have a positive impact upon the lives of young people and the health of our schools.

Concentration 1: Curriculum and Instruction

This program invites teachers to explore current educational theory, research, and best professional practices to enhance their knowledge and skills as they serve today’s students. Designed for highly engaged educators who aim to grow in their professional practice, this program will help equip teachers to meet the needs of our diverse classrooms.

Concentration 2: Teacher Leadership

The Teacher Leadership program is designed for current teachers who are already serving, or who wish to serve, as leaders in their schools. This program is aligned with Teacher-Leader Model Standards and Washington State Teacher Principal Evaluation Standards. Graduates from this concentration will have completed two or more of the seven required classes for the Principal or Program Administrator Certificate. The remaining courses and nine-credit internship can then be scheduled if the graduate decides to pursue an administrative certificate later in their career.

Concentration 3: Multilingual Learner

This concentration focuses primarily on equipping teachers with research-based practices in teaching multiple language learners (MLLs), and is aligned with WA state ELL endorsement requirements if students wish to add it. To add this endorsement, students will complete a supervised field experience.

Concentration 4: Self-Designed Program

Drawing from the three C&I concentrations and other graduate education courses, the self-designed concentration is the most flexible option designed for students who want to craft a program that best fits their professional goals. Course options include a focus on literacy instruction that can lead to a Washington state reading endorsement upon completion of a supervised field experience.

Program Distinctives

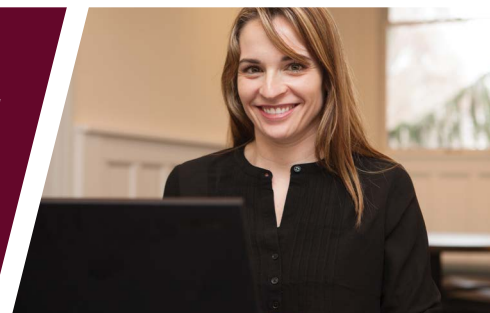
Distinguished faculty. Courses within the C&I program are taught by full-time faculty and expert practitioners. Each instructor is strongly committed to K–12 education and all hold doctoral degrees.

Flexible delivery. The C&I program is offered through a combination of online and hybrid courses with in-person options, or a fully online format. It is designed to be completed by full-time teachers in less than two years. Typically students enroll for six quarters, including one summer session. Online courses utilize a user-friendly platform to enhance communication and interaction between students and faculty.

Affordable. SPU’s tuition rate for the C&I program is comparable to other area institutions. Financial aid is available through a federally insured student loan program.

“ It is essential to equip, empower, and prepare teachers to take on and excel in their current positions or new leadership roles. Building on a strong foundation of curriculum, assessment, and instructional expertise, the Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction program provides teachers with the knowledge and confidence to become leaders within their own schools and districts through learning research-based best practices, within a collaborative culture that emphasizes high standards.”

Dr. Robin Henrikson, Associate Professor of Education, Director of Assessment



Course Listings

REQUIRED CREDITS FOR DEGREE (36)

Foundations and Research (15 credits, all concentrations)

- EDU 6085 Moral and Theological Issues in Education (3)
- EDU 6530 Foundations of Instructional Coaching (3) or EDU 6120 American Education: Past and Present (3)
- EDU 6600 Communication & Collaboration in Schools (3)
- EDU 6975 Interpreting and Applying Ed Research I (3)
- EDU 6976 Interpreting and Applying Ed Research II (3)

Concentration 1: Curriculum and Instruction (21 credits)

- EDAD 6583 Culturally Sustaining Practice (3)
- EDRD 6641 Foundations of Reading Instruction (3)
- EDSP 6644 Educating Exceptional Students (3)
- EDU 6160 Planning, Supporting, and Instructing (3)
- EDU 6524 Curriculum Design (3)
- EDU 6526 Instructional Strategies (3)
- Elective 6000-level SOE course approved by Chair (3)

Concentration 2: Teacher Leadership (21 credits)

- EDAD 6583 Culturally Sustaining Practice (3)
- EDAD 6585 School Law (3)
- EDAD 6589 Engaging Communities (3)
- EDRD 6641 Foundations of Reading Instruction (3)
- EDU 6160 Planning, Supporting, and Instructing (3)
- EDU 6524 Curriculum Design (3)
- Elective 6000-level SOE course approved by Chair (3)

Concentration 3: Multilingual Learners (21 credits)

- EDAD 6583 Culturally Sustaining Practice (3)
- EDRD 6506 Literacy Standards and Assessments (3)
- EDRD 6507 Language Development, Diversity, & Literacy (3)
- EDRD 6509 Linguistics for Educators (3)
- EDRD 6641 Foundations of Reading Instruction (3)
- ELT 5530 Foundations of ELT: Theory and Application (3)
- ELT 5552 ELL Methods: Principles & Practice (3)

Concentration 4: Self-Designed Program (21 credits)

- Any seven 6000-level SOE courses, approved by the Chair (21 credits)

Admission Information

To apply for admission into the Curriculum and Instruction program, you must submit the following items:

- Graduate application, available online at spu.edu/graduate
- Official college/university transcript(s)
- Résumé
- Personal statement (1–2 pages)
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which addresses applicant's leadership abilities and potential
- 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA¹
- Copy of front and back of teaching certificate (if applicable)
- \$50 application fee

¹If cumulative undergraduate GPA is less than 3.0, applicant must take the GRE with a preferred minimum combined verbal and quantitative score of 950.

On the revised GRE exam, preferred minimum scores of verbal: 148 and quantitative: 147.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Students can enroll in Autumn (apply by August 15), Winter Quarter (apply by November 15), Spring (apply by February 15), or Summer (apply by May 15).

QUESTIONS?

For complete information about the Curriculum and Instruction program, visit spu.edu/MEdCurriculum. If you have questions regarding the content or admission requirements, please contact Graduate Admissions at 206-281-2091, 800-601-0603, or via email at gradadmissions@spu.edu.

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