

MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.Ed.)

Specialization in

Curriculum and Instruction for Educators



OVERVIEW

The role of instructors, instructional designers and curriculum developers has changed dramatically over the past decade. Today, education focuses on ensuring that educational programs help learners understand abstract concepts, solve problems, work as effective team members and develop critical-thinking skills.

AIU's Master of Education Degree program provides a solid foundation for effective educational practice and advancement for all levels of educational practitioners including K-12*, higher education and corporate learning. Students could develop a solid foundation in learning theory, instructional design and instructional technology, as well as application of educational research methods.

This professionally-focused M.Ed program is designed to help students utilize authentic tools and assessment in application of learning outcomes, such as Lectora. They can also learn to collaborate in a community of learners for professional application of skills and learn the importance of asking the right questions in order to prompt efficient and effective answers.

CURRICULUM INCLUDES

In this specialized course of study, students can focus on the curriculum and related instructional processes and tools, including the study of curriculum theory, curriculum design and planning, instructional material design and evaluation, curriculum evaluation, and applications to specific subject matter, programs or educational levels.

Specialization courses are structured to assist students in the development of their goals, as they can learn advanced knowledge and skills common to today's professional curriculum specialists. For example:

- In **Principles of Curriculum Improvement**, students can examine forces influencing curriculum improvement, by focusing on the analysis of curriculum and the application of principles for resolution of curriculum problems.
- In **Designing Effective Courses**, students can examine techniques and methods of effective course design and implementation. Topics covered can include motivation, consultation, instructional strategies and student assessment.
- In **Curriculum Design and Evaluation**, students can focus on the development of comprehensive educational curriculum and/or development programs by performing all phases of curricula design tied to their area of professional practice.
- In **Decision Making in Curriculum and Instruction**, students can analyze the underlying assumptions and research supporting various teaching and design practices. Students can create a curriculum-design project integrating concepts and skills gained throughout this program.

*American InterContinental University's Master of Education degree is not designed to meet state educator licensing requirements; however, it may assist students in gaining licensure in their state of residence depending on those requirements. If you're interested in teaching certification, please contact your state board of education for requirements.

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by U.S. News & World Report in
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AIU's Master of Education
programs are accredited
by the Teacher Education
Accreditation
Council (TEAC).



WHY AIU®?

AIU is serious about helping busy professionals get where they want to be. Our undergraduate and graduate programs are taught by industry specialists who bring real-world perspectives into the classroom and will work with you one-on-one when you need it.

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COURSEWORK

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The AIU Master of Education (M.Ed) degree program is designed to help address the burgeoning role of technology in the learning process and the demand for both educators and designers who have solid skills in utilizing technology in the classroom, laboratory and distributed-learning environments.

FOCUS ON YOUR SPECIFIC AREA OF INTEREST

By studying advanced topics in curriculum and instruction to complete the specialization requirements, AIU gives you an opportunity to learn how to analyze research findings to respond to academic, physical, social and cultural differences in educating students, and recommend method modifications based on research results.

A CURRICULUM TAUGHT BY EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS

In addition to a quality curriculum based on industry-relevant standards, AIU's M.Ed with a specialized focus in Curriculum and Instruction for Educators is taught by instructors, many with experience in the fields they teach, who may bring firsthand perspectives into their classrooms. This could give you an opportunity to learn from educators who can share their understanding of the qualities and skills sought in today's competitive marketplace.

OUTCOMES

WE CAN HELP YOU LEARN HOW TO:

- Integrate technology into curriculum and instruction for a student-centered learning environment.
- Design and implement assessments of student performance.
- Adapt existing instructional materials for specific situations and conditions.
- Develop curriculum to satisfy organizational, federal, state or other standards and objectives.
- Use multiple instructional strategies to present content, addressing differences in students' learning styles and abilities.
- Measure the effects of instruction or training and redesign curriculum to increase student performance as needed.



REQUIRED COURSES

CORE COURSES

EDU 602	Analysis, Assessment, and Technology	6
EDU 604	Integrative Design and Evaluation	6
EDU 622	Applying Learning Theories	6
EDU 624	Mastery in Educational Specialty	6

Total Core Requirements **24**

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION FOR EDUCATORS SPECIALIZATION COURSES

EDU 633	Principles of Curriculum Improvement	6
EDU 643	Designing Effective Courses	6
EDU 660	Curriculum Design and Evaluation	6
EDU 673	Decision Making in Curriculum and Instruction	6

Total Specialization Requirements **24**

Total M.Ed. Degree Requirements **48 Credits**



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