



## Program of Study: Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Secondary Education (Eligible for Credential)

### Program Description

The Master of Education in Secondary Education (Eligible for Credential) is a program designed for any individual interested in the education of children in the Grade 7-12 setting who is seeking a teaching certificate. The format and courses of the state and regionally accredited program are tailored to meet the needs of the adult learner and to maximize the content knowledge that the student already possesses. Courses are taught by experts in their respective fields who share knowledge and experience in areas of educational psychology, reading strategies, teaching methods, and curriculum development. Opportunities are provided to apply concepts, theories, and research throughout the program. Assignments within each course guide students through observational and practice based experiences. Students must have access to a Gr. 7-12 classroom to complete the program and practicum assignments. Assignments within many of the courses guide students through over 140 hours of observational experiences, and the final semester of the program includes a full-time, 16 week student teaching component. Graduates of the program are prepared to become informed educators in public and private schools and other settings requiring a teaching credential. Students must have a minimum of 24 units in a content area commonly taught in public Gr. 7-12 schools to be admitted to the program. Students/applicants are responsible for contacting their state department of education for certification requirements and program approval. The student/applicant should consult the Grand Canyon University Catalog and academic advisor on current policies and procedures inherent in a teacher credentialing program.

Course Number	Course Title	Course Description	Credits
EDU 570N	Philosophical and Social Issues in Education	A study of the historical, philosophical, and sociological influences upon which educational theories and practices are constructed which have shaped American education. Societal issues and future challenges facing educators involved in the system are debated and critiqued. No Fingerprint Clearance necessary.	3
EDU 520N	Classroom Management	Designed to allow the prospective teacher the opportunity to learn techniques involved in the successful management of a learning environment. Major emphasis is given to the establishment of a realistic discipline plan to manage student behavior and management techniques and strategies to maximize instructional time, classroom procedures, and physical space.	3
SPE 525N	Educating Learners with Diverse Needs	Emphasis will be placed on definitions, etiology, characteristics, and prevalence of various exceptionalities; laws and litigation protecting the rights of students with special needs and their families; current issues affecting persons with special needs; social perceptions, assessment, inclusion, and transition; and basic curriculum accommodations and supportive services for teaching students with special needs in the general classroom. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance.	3

ESL 523N	SEI English Language Teaching: Foundations and Methodologies	This course presents the historical, legal, theoretical, and sociological foundations of programs of instruction for English language learners. It includes an examination of the role of culture in learning and instructional program models, with a focus on Structured English Immersion. Students will be instructed in immersion strategies and the use of assessment data. The content of this course correlates with the NBPTS English as a New Language Standards, Standard I: Knowledge of Students, Standard III: Knowledge of Culture and Diversity, Standard VIII: Learning Environment, Standard IX: Assessment, Standard XI: Linkages with Families. Practicum hours – 10. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance.	3
ESL 533N	Advanced Methodologies of Structured English Instruction	In this course students continue to examine the fundamentals of the legal, historical, and educational foundations of Structured English Instruction and other instructional programs for English Language Learners. Theoretical principles of language acquisition and the role of culture in learning are examined. Methods of assessment are identified and analyzed. Students will identify strategies to promote English language development and improve student achievement. They will plan, deliver, and evaluate instruction for English Language Learners. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance and ESL 523N.	3
SED 523N	Adolescent Literacy	This course is designed to assist teacher candidates in understanding, evaluating and promoting effective pedagogy in adolescent literacy. Emphasis will be on adolescents and fluency, vocabulary skills, literary elements of narrative text, literary elements of expository text, evaluating adolescent literature for readability and motivation, adolescent literature based pedagogy, critical literacy and strategies in promoting critical literacy. Practicum hours - 30.	3
SED 552N	Reading Strategies for Middle and Secondary Schools	This course is designed to develop a broad range of research-based reading methodologies to enhance the learning strategies of middle and secondary school students. A major emphasis is given to the use of reading strategies for culturally and socially diverse classrooms including the use of literacy-based instruction in all content areas. The development and use of integrated and thematic approaches of instruction are addressed. Students are expected to observe and assist in a 7-12 classroom while taking this course. Practicum hours – 30. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance	3
SED 542N	Secondary Theory and Methods	This course is designed to foster application of proven teaching and learning methodologies for both instructor and student in order to make appropriate decisions about all aspects of teaching. Major emphasis is given to planning instructional objectives and lessons, assessing objectives, and developing teaching methodology that encourages problem-solving, active participation, and assessment. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance	3
SED 543N	Secondary Curriculum Development and Assessment	Various orientations to curriculum development and assessment are investigated and elements of model curricula are examined. Emphasis is given to understanding current structures and trends in high schools as these relate to curriculum and assessment. Course content is strategically planned to enable participants to make informed curriculum decisions to meet the needs of a diverse student population. This course focuses on the principles and practices involved in curriculum design. Participants will develop their own curriculum unit. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance	3
SED 570N	Critical Issues in Secondary Education	This course will focus on contemporary issues that are hot topics in the field of secondary education. Students will analyze various educational issues and will self-evaluate their own positions as they develop a personal belief system about their role as a secondary education teacher. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance, SED 542N.	3
EDU 549N	Dynamics of Data-Driven Pedagogy	This course will provide participants with a wide range of assessment strategies based on instructional outcomes. Emphasis will be given to alignment of educational objectives to standards and building both formative and summative assessments including rubrics to analyze student learning. Course content is strategically planned to enable participants to make informed educational decisions about student learning based on data. This course focuses on the principles and practices involved in various models of educational assessment, evaluation, and testing. Participants will develop and implement their own authentic assessments and evaluate results. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance.	3

Student teaching must be the last course a student takes in the program.

SED 580N	Student Teaching	Students are required to fulfill a sixteen-week internship experience in a classroom with a certified teacher. Prerequisites: Successful completion of all courses in POS, a 3.0 GPA, and approval and placement by the Office of Field Placement and Certification. All paperwork for student teaching must be submitted by the due date the semester prior to student teaching.	12
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*Total Practicum Hours: 145*

*Master's of Education in Secondary Education (Eligible for Arizona Credential) Credits: 45*

The Arizona Department of Education requires all individuals applying for a certification in the state of Arizona take the US/AZ Constitution and pass the subject knowledge for the Arizona Education Proficiency Assessment.

POS 300	Arizona/Federal Government	A survey of Arizona History and Government, as well as American government. Meets the teacher certification requirement for Arizona Government and American government.	3
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