



*Master of Education Degree in  
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION ONLINE  
including  
Science Education Option*  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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**1) Who will benefit from this program?**

This program is designed to meet the needs of experienced practitioners who seek to broaden and deepen their professional knowledge and to expand the contributions they can make to education. Those who apply to the program should hold a bachelor's degree and an initial or professional teaching license. This degree is open to educators who do not seek any type of teacher licensure.

**2) Can I receive an initial classroom teaching license through this degree?**

NO. Unless you are already a licensed elementary, middle or high school classroom teacher, you should not enroll in this degree.

**3) Is the program completely online, or do I need to visit the campus?**

The entire 30 credit program can be completed online. However, students may choose to take a mix of online and on campus courses when they are available. Visitation to the campus is welcomed, but not required.

**4) What is the format of a course?**

To view the format of a course, visit <http://continuinged.uml.edu/online>. Click on "Test Drive A Course" link, located in the left column. This provides a comprehensive review of typical online course.

**5) How long does it take to complete the degree requirements?**

The program takes approximately 2 - 3 years to complete on a part-time basis, taking one or two courses per semester, fall, spring and summer. Candidates have a maximum of five years to complete the degree.

**6) I would like to specialize in science education, how do I do this?**

If you take 18 credits (6 courses) which are focused on science education or science content you may petition to have science education option on your transcript (note – this does not appear on the diploma). Discuss your course selections carefully with your advisor.

**7) Are courses appropriate for elementary and secondary teachers?**

Most are. Some science courses are designed for elementary teacher. You should consult with your advisor.

**8) What is the cost of the program? Is financial aid available?**

Massachusetts and out of state residents pay the same fee. Financial aid maybe available to matriculated students enrolled in 6 or more credits per semester. You may contact the Financial Assistance Office at 978-934-4220 for more information. Please see the continuing education website for current pricing.

### [9\)\) How do I register?](#)

New students must register by completing the form found at [http://continuinged.uml.edu/pdf/registration\\_form.pdf](http://continuinged.uml.edu/pdf/registration_form.pdf) and fax, mail or deliver it in person to the Registrar's office. Complete registration information is available online at <http://continuinged.uml.edu/general/registration.htm> Returning students register using the ISIS self-service system.

### [10\) When is the application deadline?](#)

We admit students for each semester, fall, spring, and summer. However, in order to be admitted for a particular semester, your materials should be received at least six weeks before that semester begins in order to allow for processing and for the Admissions Committee to act on your application.

### [11\) What is the application process?](#)

Applications can be found online at: <http://www.uml.edu/grad>. Please note that the Graduate School of Education requires results from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) to accompany the application packet. Also required for the application are three letters of recommendation, transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended, and a one to two page statement of purpose.

### [12\) How many credits can I transfer from another institution?](#)

A total of 6 credits may be transferred into the program; however, this decision is made by a faculty committee only after you have been admitted to the program. Once you have been admitted, you may submit an academic petition to request transfer of credits from another accredited institution. You must fill out an academic petition and send a copy of the course syllabus or catalog description along with the official transcripts showing grade earned in the course. Courses taken as part of another degree program are not eligible for transfer. Courses not taken as part of another degree program must have been taken within five years to be eligible for transfer. The academic petition and the appropriate documentation should be sent to the Graduate School of Education, 61 Wilder Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor O'Leary Library, Lowell, MA 01854.

### [13\) Can I take classes before applying officially to the program?](#)

Students may take up to 2 classes (6 credits) prior to submitting a formal application for the program, but are **strongly advised** to first contact the Program Director, Dr. Vera Ossen ([vera\\_ossen@uml.edu](mailto:vera_ossen@uml.edu)) or the Graduate Coordinator, Dr. James Nehring ([James\\_Nehring@uml.edu](mailto:James_Nehring@uml.edu)).

### [14\) Will I have an advisor?](#)

Yes, you will be assigned an advisor once you are admitted to the program. Prior to this, you should seek Dr. Ossen's or Dr. Nehring's advice

### [15\) Is there a recommended sequence of courses?](#)

Please see the program of study sheet found at [NEW](#)

### [16\) I have never taken an online course, how do I get started?](#)

Complete information regarding how to prepare for an online course, including a sample of an online course, is available at: <http://continuinged.uml.edu/>

### [17\) What courses will be offered in the coming semesters?](#)

You can find our course schedule online at: [http://www.uml.edu/gse/Course\\_Schedule.html](http://www.uml.edu/gse/Course_Schedule.html)