

Master of Science in Teaching and Leadership

Admission Requirements

The applicant must meet the School of Graduate Studies' current minimum general admission requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

1. A four-year bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university [preferably in the specialization area or near equivalent].
2. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.75 for all undergraduate work or a GPA of at least 3.0 for the junior and senior years of undergraduate work (based on A = 4.00).
3. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies' English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

Admission Process

1. Complete the School of Graduate Studies online application.
2. Submit the application fee.
3. Submit a current resume or curriculum vitae
4. Submit three (3) letters of recommendation that address the academic and professional qualities that support you for graduate work. These 3 letters should come from: 1) a current education supervisor or administrator; 2) a professional colleague or university professor that has knowledge of your work/work ethic; and 3) a person of your choosing that can speak to your readiness for graduate work and potential for success.
5. Send official transcripts from each institution attended to the School of Graduate Studies.
6. Submit a response to the Statement of Goals and Objectives, Essay, and Program Questions as outlined below.

Statement of Goals and Objectives

As part of the application process, the applicant must respond to the following questions: (suggested length = no more than 500 words per question response)

1. Describe several personal and professional goals you would like to achieve in the next five years. Include in your description reasons why these goals are important to you.
2. Review the specializations available to students in the MSTL program. Which of these are you interested in and explain why this specialization area aligns with your personal/professional goals identified in question 1.

Essay

As part of the application process, the applicant must respond to the following questions: (suggested length = no more than 500 words per question response)

1. What are the characteristics, attitudes, values, and/or skills that you believe will make you a good candidate for your [current and/or future] professional role?
2. What have you already done professionally or personally of which you are proud? Please include a chronological history of all professional teaching or administration experiences, as well as academic honors or achievements you have earned.

Program Questions

Please consider the following questions in light of the Master of Science in Teaching & Leadership program and profession to which you are applying.

(Each answer should be approximately 300 words.)

1. What initially sparked your interest in the field in which you are pursuing graduate education? Describe how you first became interested in this profession.
2. As lifelong learners, we all have areas of strength and areas of further development. Please describe the strengths you will bring to this program. Please describe the areas of development or challenge that you expect to encounter in this program.
3. This program requires students to be receptive and open to constructive feedback from instructors and supervisors. How do you typically receive constructive feedback?
4. How do you typically manage deadlines for work or school? How do you plan to meet deadlines for this program as they arise?

Degree Requirements

1. A minimum of 30 credits
2. A maximum of one-fourth of the credit hours may be transferred from another institution, depending on the courses and grades, with director approval
3. Maintenance of at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA for all MSTL classes
4. Successful completion of the program's Exit Interview and/or Exit Survey

Core Requirements (14 or 15 core credits) | for Dual Credit Specializations (11 or 12 core credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
EDL 512	Leading K-12 Classroom Assessment and Grading	3
EDL 513	Leading K-12 Curriculum and Instruction	3
T&L 532	Leading K-12 Educator Learning	3
T&L 569	Action Research	3
or		
T&L 579	Inquiry into Professional Practice	3
T&L 995	Scholarly Project (or)	2
SPED 995	Scholarly Project (or)	2
EFR 995	Scholarly Project	2

Specialization Area Coursework (16 - 19 credits)

Choose one Specialization. The Specializations include the following: Principalship, Elementary Education, Instructional Coaching, Middle/Secondary Education, STEM Education, Behavioral Supports in Education (SPED), Secondary Math Education*, Secondary Biology Education*, Secondary Chemistry Education*, Secondary Physics Education*, Applied Data Research, or Generalist.

(* = with Dual Credit certification)

Code	Title	Credits
Principalship Specialization - Requires up to three years of teaching experience (16 credits)		
EDL 501	Leadership and Organizational Behavior	3
EDL 514	Supervision and Professional Development	3
EDL 515	Education Law and Ethics	3
EDL 519	Principalship	3
EDL 593	Internship in Educational Leadership	4
Elementary Education Specialization (16 credits)		
T&L 518	Curriculum and Methods for Teaching STEM	3
T&L 519	Social Studies in the Elementary School	3
T&L 522	Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
T&L 530	Foundations of Reading Instruction	3
T&L 596	Individual Research in Education	1
Select any ONE (3-credit) elective course		3
Instructional Coaching Specialization (16 credits)		
T&L 563	K-12 Classroom Based Coaching Practices	3

T&L 564	Designing Professional Development for K-12 Educators	3	CHEM 561A	Teaching Fundamental Chemistry I	3
T&L 565	K-12 Instructional Coaching Clinical	3	CHEM 563A	Approaches to Teaching Organic Chemistry I	3
T&L 596	Individual Research in Education	1	Secondary Physics Education (with Dual Credit Certification- 18 credits)		
EDL 501	Leadership and Organizational Behavior	3	PHYS 501T		2
EDL 514	Supervision and Professional Development	3	PHYS 502T	Physics I for Teachers	3
Middle/Secondary Education Specialization (16 credits)			PHYS 503T		3
EFR 500	Introduction to the Foundations of Education	3	PHYS 504T	Physics III for Teachers	2
T&L 542	Models of Teaching	3	PHYS 505TL	Physics I/II/III for Teachers Laboratory: Online	2
T&L 577	Assessment of Learning (Content Area Elective)	3	PHYS 506T		2
T&L 596	Individual Research in Education	1	PHYS 507T	Conceptual Electromagnetism for Teachers	2
Select any TWO (3-credit) elective courses		6	PHYS 508T	Conceptual Quantum Physics for Teachers	2
STEM Education Specialization (16 credits)			Applied Data Research (15 credits)		
T&L 518	Curriculum and Methods for Teaching STEM	3	EFR 506	Multicultural Education	3
T&L 552	Online Teaching Practice Innovation	3	EFR 509	Introduction to Applied Educational Research	3
T&L 554	Nature of Science and Science Education	3	EFR 510	Participatory Qualitative Research Methods	3
T&L 555	Issues of Motivation and Equity in STEM Education	3	EFR 515	Statistics I	3
T&L 556	Constructivism in STEM Teaching and Learning	3	EFR 530	Learning Analytics	3
T&L 596	Individual Research in Education	1	Generalist Specialization (16 credits)		
Behavioral Supports in Education Specialization (16 credits)			Select FIVE (3-credit) courses from any of the Specialization areas (totaling 15 credits)		
SPED 541		3	T&L 596	Individual Research in Education	1
SPED 555	Advanced Methods: Emotional Behavioral Disorders	3			
T&L 553	Collaborative Relationships: Home, School and Community	3			
SPED 578	Behavior Management	3			
T&L 596	Individual Research in Education	3			
Select any ONE (3-credit) elective course		3			
Secondary Mathematics Education (with Dual Credit Certification - 18 or 19 credits)					
Six Electives - Select ANY 6 (3-credit) courses from the following options:					
MATH 409	Geometry	3			
MATH 421	Statistical Theory I	3			
MATH 422	Statistical Theory II	3			
MATH 441	Abstract Algebra	3			
STAT 500	Computing for Statistics (required as a pre- or co-requisite for all STAT courses below)	1			
STAT 541	Linear Statistical Models	3			
STAT 542	Advanced Topics in Statistics and Probability	3			
STAT 543	Design of Experiments	3			
STAT 545	Multivariate Statistics	3			
STAT 547	Time Series	3			
STAT 551	Statistical Graphics	3			
STAT 553	Modern Nonparametric Statistics	3			
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Secondary Biology Education (with Dual Credit Certification- 18 credits)					
Six Electives- Select ANY 6 (3-credit) courses from the following options:					
BIOL 505	Biological Inquiry for Teachers	3			
BIOL 506	Ecology for Teachers	3			
BIOL 512	Advanced Evolutionary Analysis	3			
BIOL 533	Grassland Ecology	3			
BIOL 590	Special Topics	6-12			
various course studies: Analysis of Biology Data for Teachers; Animal Biology; Conflict & Controversy in Biology, and/or Scientific Teaching of Biology					
Secondary Chemistry Education (with Dual Credit Specialization- 18 credits)					
CHEM 401	Nanotechnology Nanomaterials	3			
CHEM 402	Trends in Forensic and Environmental Analytical Chemistry	3			
CHEM 455	Spectroscopy and Structure	3			
CHEM 466	Fundamentals of Physical and Biophysical Chemistry	3			