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The Graduate Education Concentration is designed for those interested in deepening their understanding of current educational contexts, the dynamics of teaching and learning, the design of effective learning environments, and best practices to support diverse learners. This program is appropriate for current teachers as well as for students who seek careers in education outside of teaching. Graduates have worked in after-school programs, higher education, foundations and philanthropic organizations, educational non-profits, private research firms and think tanks. The degree requires the completion of 30 credits and an exit portfolio.

Master of Arts in Education with Teacher Leadership Concentration
The Teacher Leadership Concentration is designed for experienced educators who are interested in assuming greater responsibility for improving student engagement and learning in their school or in their community, while continuing to serve as classroom teachers. This program helps students to hone their instructional practice, strengthen their leadership skills, and develop their facility with data analysis and policy advocacy. Graduates are prepared for positions as lead teacher, professional learning community facilitator, department chairperson, curriculum specialist, mentor, and data coach. This degree requires the completion of 30 credits and an exit portfolio.

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Required: Graduation Education
- Advanced Trends and Issues in Special Education
- Educational Research
- Assessment & Analysis
- Standards Aligned Systems & Curriculum
- Philosophy of Education

Required: Teacher Leadership
- Advanced Trends and Issues in Special Education
- Ed. Research OR Assessment & Analysis
- Standards Aligned Systems & Curriculum
- Instructional Leadership
- Policy Analysis

Required: Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Education
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