

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Teachers instructing concurrent enrollment (dual credit) courses are now required by the Higher Learning Commission, the accrediting body for post-secondary educational institutions, to have a master's degree or 18 credits in the subject matter they are teaching. This important change will ensure teachers are adequately qualified to teach college courses taught in the high schools.

Minnesota State University, Mankato has designed 18-credit programs for both secondary-school teachers and community college instructors who would like to further their professional development, give licensed teachers the proper credential for teaching concurrent enrollment courses, or earn the first credits toward an eventual master's degree in Teaching and Learning or one of the content areas you are already working in.

TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Through a partnership with Metroc ECSU, eligible concurrent enrollment instructors may receive a \$300 tuition scholarship for each graduate credit taken at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Current programs available for ECSU funding include individual online courses as well as graduate certificate and degree program options.

Visit link.mnsu.edu/concurrent-enrollment for full details and current course schedule.

COURSES ARE COMPLETELY ONLINE. FINISH IN TWO YEARS. SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

▶ HISTORY

This program is designed for history and social studies teachers and will prepare you for teaching college-level courses prescribed by the Higher Learning Commission (18 credits). Students take online courses: four, 4-credit 500-level courses and a 2-credit capstone. In the capstone, teachers create a portfolio that highlights their course projects, with an emphasis on curriculum that showcases new learning and content mastery.

▶ POLITICAL SCIENCE

This program is designed for political science and social studies teachers in secondary and post-secondary education who would like to further their professional development, meet post-secondary faculty qualifications, or earn their first credits toward an eventual master's degree. This certificate prepares educators for teaching college-level courses prescribed by the Higher Learning Commission (18 credits).

The Graduate Certificate in Political Science is 18-credits. Choose six 500-level or 600-level courses (3 credits each).

▶ GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

This certificate is designed for teachers of psychology at the high school level who need graduate-level coursework in psychology to further their knowledge of the discipline and/or to meet post-secondary faculty qualifications.

This certificate provides a broad exposure to the major areas of psychology, as well as opportunities to apply psychological science to real-world issues. The courses emphasize scientific literacy and understanding psychology as a science, enhance communication skills, cover a range of psychological content and theories, and encourage critical thinking about these theories and ideas. Students in this certificate program will also complete a capstone portfolio demonstrating how they have applied the course content to their own teaching, developing lesson plans, learning activities, and assessments.

▶ QUESTIONS?

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EARN YOUR MASTER'S IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Master of Science in Teaching and Learning program is available to all teachers who wish to broaden their knowledge base, enhance their classroom performance and better serve the needs of learners. This program is also designed to provide practicing teachers with the flexibility to custom design a master's degree of their choice, choosing from a combination of options and the research core. Courses are presented online through the university course management system.



COMMON CORE

KSP 609 (or its equivalent is a prerequisite for KSP 610)
KSP 610 : Scholarly Writing (3)
KSP 640 : Assessment for Learning (3)
KSP 665: Professional Teacher, Leader, Scholar (3)

RESEARCH/METHODS COURSE(S)

KSP 609: Research Methods (3)

CAPSTONE COURSE

KSP: Alternate Plan Paper, Creative Projects, Written Comps. or Thesis
HIST: History Portfolio
Psyc: Portfolio

CHOOSE ONE AREA OF SPECIALIZATION:

► EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION

Choose 21 Credit(s). A total of 34 credits is required for the degree with the Education Specialization.

Certificates:

- Learning Community and Leadership
- Data Inform Decision Making- Improve Student Learning
- Education Technology in the Classroom
- Culturally Responsive Teaching

► HISTORY SPECIALIZATION

A total of 36 credits is required for the degree with the History Specialization.

Education Electives: Choose 6 Credit(s).

History Electives: Choose 16 Credit(s) or Complete the 16-credits of electives in the History graduate certificate program.

► PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIZATION

A total of 36 credits is required for the degree with the Psychology Specialization.

Education Electives: Choose 6 Credit(s).

Psychology Electives
Complete the 16-credits of electives in the psychology graduate certificate program.

► HOW TO APPLY

To apply, prospective students should submit the online application via the College of Graduate Studies. Applications should include a copy of the student's transcript.

QUESTIONS & MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the person below for more information on your area of interest

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