CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Lewis & Clark offers an individually designed program for teachers wishing to engage in advanced study and improve their professional practice. The Curriculum and Instruction program provides maximum flexibility and allows degree candidates to identify their individual learning needs and select appropriate courses in education and academic content. The course of study is planned in consultation with a faculty advisor. As part of the MEd program, students complete one or more endorsements or certificates in the areas of ESOL, Reading Intervention, or Special Education: Generalist.

Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Degree Requirements
A minimum of 36 semester hours, distributed as follows:

Required Degree Courses
ED 500 Educational Research 3
ED 508 Curriculum & Instruction Master’s Project Seminar 3

Students must choose at least one of the following options and may work with an advisor to explore additional combinations.

1. All courses required for Track I (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/teachereducation/esolbilingual/#endorsementtext) of the ESOL endorsement (minimum of 14 semester hours).
2. All courses required for the Reading Intervention endorsement (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/teachereducation/languageliteracy/#endorsementtext) (minimum of 15 semester hours).
3. All courses required for the Special Education: Generalist endorsement (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/teachereducation/specialeducation/#endorsementtext) (minimum of 18 semester hours)
4. All courses required for the Teacher Leadership for Equity and Social Justice Certificate (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/teachereducation/teacherleader/) (minimum of 10 semester hours)

NOTE: The Teacher Leadership for Equity and Social Justice Certificate is not accepting applications for the 2023-24 academic year.
5. All courses required for the Oregon Writing Project Certificate in the Teaching of Writing (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/specialprograms/teachingwriting/) (minimum 14 semester hours)

NOTE: The Oregon Writing Project is not accepting applications for the 2023-24 academic year.

Elective Courses
All remaining semester hours will be earned as electives chosen jointly by the advisor and student. A full list of education courses is available in this catalog. (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/teachereducation/courses/)

Required Courses

MEd Courses
ED 500 Educational Research
Content: This course examines how professional educators can gather and interpret the information they need for effective decision making. Topics include the major uses and components of classroom or school-based research processes, quantitative and qualitative methods, the scholarly critique of research studies, and what it means to be a reflective teacher-researcher.
Prerequisites: None.
Credits: 2-3 semester hours.

ED 508 Curriculum & Instruction Master’s Project Seminar
Content: Students integrate and apply what they have learned throughout the inservice MEd program. In consultation with the instructor and other class members, students design projects that define and answer a question related to their intellectual and professional development. The project is aimed at an audience beyond the classroom, with the goal of eventually sharing it in the wider world. In order to support the cultivation of candidates’ professional voices, the course will also explore examples of other teachers using their voice for change, being a leader within the classroom and profession, and teacher resilience.
Prerequisites: None.
Credits: 3 semester hours.

Endorsement and Certificate Courses

• ESOL endorsement courses (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/teachereducation/esolbilingual/#coursestext)
• Reading Intervention endorsement required courses (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/teachereducation/languageliteracy/#requiredcoursestext) and elective courses (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/teachereducation/languageliteracy/#electivecoursestext)
• Special Education: Generalist endorsement courses (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/teachereducation/specialeducation/#coursestext)
• Teacher Leadership for Equity and Social Justice Certificate courses (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/teachereducation/teacherleader/#coursestext)
• Oregon Writing Project Certificate in the Teaching of Writing courses (https://docs.lclark.edu/graduate/specialprograms/teachingwriting/#coursestext)

Elective Courses