Building A Career

A Masters of Education in teaching and learning at the University of Missouri—St. Louis is a journey into cultural intelligence, reflective practice-in-action, and student advocacy as teacher-leaders.

Your studies will include a rich array of academic and community experiences with a diverse and engaged group of learners. The M.Ed. program prepares graduates with the tools to think more complexly about teaching/learning processes and sociocultural contexts, to creatively assess and document student progress, and to become leaders in school reform initiatives that value and respect teacher voices.

Attaining an advanced degree as a teacher will provide opportunities for you to explore:

- Different learning styles and ways to meet needs of diverse learners
- Social justice and community contexts
- Creative technology integration for learning
- A global world to broaden teaching horizons
- Action Research to improve your professional practice

Today's educators aspire to continuously expand their knowledge and teaching skills. Professional development is a way of life. Educators seek new and better ways to help students reach their potential and take on leadership roles to improve education for teachers and learners alike.

“Many of you gave much of your time and expertise to further my teaching career. Many things that I learned at UMSL helped me to become a better teacher.”

—Graduate Student
Secondary Education
What can you do with a Masters in Education?

By reaching out and partnering with a vast array of educational, business and community resources, our College can provide opportunities for you to develop professional connections for improving your career as well as your community. We offer coursework that leads to an M.Ed. in the following areas of teaching and learning:

- **Elementary Education:** Early Childhood – General Curriculum – Reading Emphasis
- **Secondary Education:** Curriculum & Instruction – General Curriculum – Middle Level Emphasis – Reading Emphasis – Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) – Teaching Licensure
- **Special Education:** Autism & Developmental Disabilities – Cross Categorical Disabilities – Early Childhood
- **Music Education (M.M.E.)**

A unique, research-driven program

No matter what your next step, the UMSL College of Education offers you plenty of choices. You will have confidence in your choice of a quality program that is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Our full-time faculty members are nationally recognized experts. Many have written articles and books in their field. They spend time in the schools around St. Louis on a weekly basis. They know the real world of the classroom and the latest research in their field.

Our programs prepare students to develop as “community educators” instead of “school teachers”; community leaders instead of “principals”; and we regard “educator development” with the belief that becoming a professional educator is part art, part science, and a life-long process.

As a graduate student in Education, your program may include:

— Action research projects that can inform and enrich your current position
— Internships or practicums that provide you the real skills needed to excel
— Opportunities to study with research scholars and fellows in one of our many academic centers

UMSL at a glance

The University of Missouri—St. Louis is a public, research university located in Missouri’s most populous and economically important region. Founded in 1963, UMSL attracts more students than any other university in the St. Louis region.

We offer you 54 undergraduate degree choices from our five colleges. And we partner with more than 400 companies and organizations for our internship program. You’ll get out of the classroom, gain practical experience, make connections and jump-start your career.