The masters in community education helps students cultivate the insights, capacities, and skillsets required to lead educational innovation, harness the power of technology for community engagement, strengthen critical literacies, bridge in-school, out-of-school, and lifelong learning, and build stronger, more resilient communities. Through coursework and place-based experiences, students will grapple with such concepts and practices as heritage, relevance, inclusion, collaboration, critical analysis, dialogue, co-created experiences, community capacity building, and empowerment. This degree is the nexus of putting knowledge into action in the service of community goals.

The masters in community education has 100% online options. The degree provides a scaffold from entry-level to leadership positions in parks, museums, science centers, public agencies, and other community service organizations. Program faculty have expertise in such community education topics as: technology for community engagement; inclusive communities; health, human performance and community engagement; social justice and the urban educational context; and museums, park interpretation, heritage and public history.

The masters in community education consists of 33 hours of graduate coursework, including foundation courses (15 hours), approved electives (12-15 hours), and a capstone experience (3-6 hours). The capstone experience provides students with an opportunity to gain in-depth experience in a community education context. For professionals already working in the community education field, the capstone experience facilitates project-based learning that can be completed in situ.
The M.Ed. in Community Education at the University of Missouri — St. Louis is a master’s degree program with 100% online options offering in-state tuition to students from Missouri and Illinois. Through the program you can:

**Apply & Amplify**
Apply technology in ways that engage community members in co-created, inclusive experiences that foster agency and voice.

**Communicate & Collaborate**
Create a safe space for reflection, provide the tools and the impetus to address bias, and fashion broad collaboration in communities where people disagree.

**Respond & Rebuild**
Apply educational innovations to nurture globally responsive citizens who pursue lifelong learning and help build a more sustainable and just society.

**Cultivate & Contextualize**
Develop disciplinary mastery in a community-relevant content area that is of interest to the student, and in a community context that provides the student with challenges, feedback and support.

**Items to Submit**
1. [Graduate school application](#)—complete online.
2. Application fee—send to Graduate Admissions.
3. All college/university transcripts—send to Graduate Admissions.
   
   Note: An earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher is required.

4. Two letters of recommendation—send to COE via email ([CommunityEd@umsl.edu](mailto:CommunityEd@umsl.edu)).
5. International students must document English proficiency.

**Application Deadline**: Applications reviewed upon receipt.

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