GUIDE TO GRADUATE PROGRAMS
Graduate Programs

OVERVIEW

Graduate programs in the Michigan State University College of Education – both on-campus and online – foster the insights and skills needed to deal with the most pressing challenges facing the education and kinesiology fields. Outstanding, internationally known faculty members construct rigorous opportunities for advanced study, mentor students and engage in millions of dollars of funded research.

UNPARALLELED EXPERIENCES

Graduate students are encouraged – and challenged – to achieve ambitious intellectual and professional goals. They experience:

- A commitment to study real problems of practice and contribute to policy development and analysis.
- A diverse community of scholars known for its culture of collaboration, especially across disciplinary boundaries.
- The opportunity to participate in sponsored international study trips.
- Flexibility to tailor programs to scholarly and professional interests.
- Many centers, projects and offices that provide contexts for conducting and disseminating research in the field, on a small or large scale.
Graduate Programs

HIGH NATIONAL RANKINGS

The U.S. News & World Report edition of Best Graduate Schools ranks MSU College of Education graduate programs within the nation's top-10 each year. These rankings recognize the college’s capacity to produce high-level scholarship and top-notch graduates.

THE 2012 RANKINGS:

- Elementary Education - #1 ---- 17th year in a row!
- Secondary Education - #1 ---- 17th year in a row!
- Rehabilitation Counseling- #2
- Curriculum/Instruction- #2
- Educational Psychology- #4
- Higher Education Administration- #4
- Administration/Supervision- #8
- Education Policy- #11
Master’s Programs

PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

Master’s programs generally prepare graduates for advancements or new roles within their respective fields as practitioners. For educators, the M.A. generally provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to obtain leadership positions in schools or to add endorsements to certificates. Many programs, including the M.S. in Kinesiology, also help students develop methods of inquiry and can lead to careers in research.

These programs are offered through on-campus and/or hybrid (both face-to-face and online) coursework. See the Online Master’s Programs section for fully online programs.

- Educational Technology
- Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education (HALE)
- K-12 Educational Administration
- Kinesiology
- Rehabilitation Counseling
- Student Affairs Administration
- Teaching and Curriculum
Master’s Programs

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

The Educational Technology master’s program (also available online) prepares teachers, administrators and other educational professionals for the thoughtful use of technologies to support teaching and learning in a range of educational environments. The program draws on current theories of learning and development to understand the role of technology in learning and instruction.

Related options:
- An overseas option for the master’s degree, which includes courses taken over three summers in Rouen, France.
- A three-course certificate program available online and in off-campus locations across Michigan.

www.edutech.msu.edu
(517) 432-9259

HIGHER, ADULT AND LIFELONG EDUCATION (HALE)

The HALE master’s program (also available online) is for individuals who are working in or wish to move into roles in higher and adult education, including administration, continuing professional development or teaching. The program develops understanding of central issues in postsecondary teaching and learning, and a theoretical understanding of administration and leadership connected to practice.

www.education.msu.edu/ead/HALE/mahale
(517) 353-5187
Master’s Programs

K-12 EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

The master’s program in K-12 Educational Administration prepares aspiring educators for leadership positions in public, charter and private school settings. The program is committed to developing school-level leadership for powerful and equitable teaching and learning, and to ensuring students meet state standards for leadership preparation.

Related options:

- A hybrid version of the master’s program (online and face-to-face) based in Birmingham, Mich.
- The Plus 18 Program, for those who already hold a related master’s degree, leading to school administrator certification.

www.education.msu.edu/ead/k12/mak12
(517) 353-8480

KINESIOLOGY

The Master of Science degree in Kinesiology helps students acquire knowledge grounded in theory, develop competence in methods of inquiry and gain expertise in one or more areas of specialization: athletic training, coaching, exercise physiology, growth and motor development, psychosocial aspects of physical activity and sport, sport administration, strength and conditioning, and student-athlete development.

www.education.msu.edu/kin/grad/masters
(517) 355-4736
Master’s Programs

REHABILITATION COUNSELING

The Rehabilitation Counseling master’s program helps counselors gain the specialized knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to collaborate in a professional relationship with people who have disabilities. Students develop expertise in counseling, the social and psychological aspects of disability, case management, independent living, disability management, transition from school to work, vocational assessment, career development and more.

www.education.msu.edu/cepse/rehab
(517) 355-1838

STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION

The master’s program in Student Affairs Administration provides a broad perspective on higher education systems, an understanding of central issues in student affairs administration and a connection of theory to practice. Graduates are prepared to work in and cultivate educational environments that promote diversity and multiculturism.

www.education.msu.edu/ead/HALE/masaa
(517) 353-5187
The Master’s Program in Teaching and Curriculum (MATC) (also available online) is designed for beginning and experienced teachers who are deeply committed to public education and teaching diverse P-12 students. The program helps students engage in critical inquiry, develop as accomplished teachers and become teacher leaders. Participation requires a dual commitment to teachers’ and students’ learning.

**Related option:**

- A specialization in Literacy and Language Instruction.

[www.education.msu.edu/te/matc/](http://www.education.msu.edu/te/matc/)

(517) 432-7705
The College of Education offers six completely online master's degree programs for students who want to pursue advanced professional study through the convenience of distance learning, whether they live in Michigan, across the United States or outside the nation. The programs provide in-depth study in each field, as well as opportunities to explore broader topics. Courses are rigorous and highly interactive, allowing students to engage with expert faculty members and classmates from all over the world.

- Education
- Educational Technology
- Health Professions Education
- Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education (HALE)
- Special Education
- Teaching and Curriculum
Online Master’s Programs

EDUCATION

The M.A. in Education (MAED) is for classroom teachers, school administrators, coaches or adult educators who want to enhance their professional practice while building on their prior professional experience and engaging in a dynamic online community. The program has six concentration areas: Literacy Education, P-16 School Leadership, Science and Mathematics Education, Special Education, Technology and Learning, and Sport Leadership and Coaching.

www.education.msu.edu/onlineed
(517) 355-1825

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

The online Educational Technology master’s program prepares teachers, administrators and other educational professionals for the thoughtful use of technologies to support teaching and learning in a range of educational environments. The program draws on current theories of learning and development to understand the role of technology in learning and instruction.

Related options:
- An online three-course certificate program in Educational Technology.
- A hybrid (substantially online) program in Educational Psychology and Educational Technology at the doctoral level.

www.edutech.msu.edu
(517) 432-9259
Online Master’s Programs

HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION

The Health Professions Education program is designed for experienced health practitioners who are seeking advanced professional knowledge needed for roles as academic leaders and faculty in their fields. The program combines two essential bodies of knowledge: teaching, learning and assessment, delivered by the College of Education; and health policy and administration, delivered by the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

www.com.msu.edu/mehp/
(517) 432-5425

HIGHER, ADULT AND LIFELONG EDUCATION

The online HALE master’s program is for individuals who are working in or wish to move into roles in higher and adult education, including administration, continuing professional development or teaching. The program develops understanding of central issues in postsecondary teaching and learning, and a theoretical understanding of administration and leadership connected to practice.

www.education.msu.edu/ead/HALE/mahale
(517) 353-5187
SPECIAL EDUCATION

The master’s program in Special Education – which can lead to recommendation for teaching endorsements in Learning Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorders - is designed for K-12 teachers who plan to be involved in the education of students with disabilities. The program prepares leaders that advance the quality of educational programs and services available to students with disabilities in the K-12 setting.

www.education.msu.edu/cepse/specialed
(517) 355-1837

TEACHING AND CURRICULUM

The online master’s program in Teaching and Curriculum (MATC) is designed for beginning and experienced teachers who are deeply committed to public education and teaching diverse P-12 students. The program helps students engage in critical inquiry, develop as accomplished teachers and become teacher leaders. Participation requires a dual commitment to teachers’ and students’ learning.

www.education.msu.edu/te/matc/
(517) 432-7705
The Ph.D. programs prepare researchers to serve in professional positions in universities, research agencies, policy agencies and schools. Doctoral students are essential partners in developing new knowledge and in preparing the next generation of educators, coaches, athletic trainers and scholars.

- Curriculum, Instruction and Teacher Education
- Educational Policy
- Educational Psychology and Educational Technology
- Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education (HALE)
- K-12 Educational Administration
- Kinesiology
- Mathematics Education
- Measurement and Quantitative Methods
- Rehabilitation Counselor Education
- School Psychology
- Special Education
Ph.D. Programs

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TEACHER EDUCATION (CITE)

The CITE doctoral program prepares students to be leading scholars and educators who deeply understand and work to improve education in its political, social and cultural contexts, with a particular focus on teaching, teacher education and teachers’ work. The program takes a distinctive interdisciplinary approach that combines rigorous intellectual inquiry with close connections to professional practice. Students collaborate closely with faculty on research, teaching and program design.

www.education.msu.edu/te/phd
(517) 432-7705

EDUCATIONAL POLICY

The College of Education is committed to conducting research on urgent policy issues, training policy professionals and providing service to policymakers and policy communities in Michigan and beyond. The doctoral program, which draws on faculty expertise across three departments, prepares students to assume roles in policy analysis and development in local, state, national and international organizations, as well as faculty positions in higher education.

www.education.msu.edu/ed-policy-phd
(517) 432-1260
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (EPET)

The EPET doctoral program, which produces scholars and leaders in the study of human learning and development and/or in the development and study of diverse technologies supporting learning and teaching. Graduates are prepared for careers in university research and teaching, research and development of educational technologies, and leadership in school systems and the private sector.

Related options:
- A hybrid version of the Ph.D. program, with courses mostly online plus face-to-face sessions in the summer.

www.education.msu.edu/cepse/epet/
(517) 353-9272

HIGHER, ADULT AND LIFELONG EDUCATION (HALE)

HALE programs at MSU prepare individuals for leadership positions in postsecondary educational organizations, including community colleges, four-year colleges and universities, and public agencies. The doctoral program enables students to examine changing perspectives on postsecondary educational organizations, changing notions of postsecondary teaching and learning, and the changing roles of students, teachers, researchers and administrators.

www.education.msu.edu/ead/HALE/phdhale
(517) 353-5187
Ph.D. Programs

**K-12 EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION**

The doctoral program in K-12 Educational Administration enrolls professional educators and others interested in the intersections of leadership, school organizations, research and policy. Its mission is to improve leadership practice and to expand knowledge for educational leadership development and the improvement of school organizations and systems.

www.education.msu.edu/ead/k12/phdedadmin/
(517) 353-8480

**KINESIOLOGY**

Scholars in the Department of Kinesiology’s doctoral program may concentrate on athletic training, exercise physiology, growth and motor development, or the psychosocial aspects of physical activity and sport. The objective is to develop professionals who are competent in teaching, conducting research and serving in leadership roles in various educational, governmental, public or private agencies.

www.education.msu.edu/kin/grad/phd
(517) 355-4736
**Ph.D. Programs**

**MATHEMATICS EDUCATION**

The doctoral program in Mathematics Education, offered jointly with the College of Natural Science, is designed for those who show promise of becoming leaders in local, state, national and international mathematics education communities. The program prepares researchers and leaders to address critical issues in mathematics education by developing analytical perspectives for research, engaging in reflective teaching and deepening mathematical knowledge.

[www.dsme.msu.edu/mathed/](http://www.dsme.msu.edu/mathed/)
(517) 355-1708, ext. 105

**MEASUREMENT AND QUANTITATIVE METHODS (MQM)**

The MQM program is for scholars who want to specialize in educational research methodology, the development of educational and psychological tests, and the methodology of statistics as applied to problems in educational research. Students, who specialize in either measurement or statistics, prepare for positions as faculty members in education, psychology or applied statistics; in the testing industry; and in state-level and national departments of education.

[www.education.msu.edu/cepse/mqm/](http://www.education.msu.edu/cepse/mqm/)
(517) 355-1838
PH.D. Programs

REHABILITATION COUNSELOR EDUCATION

The Rehabilitation Counselor Education program prepares individuals for professional careers as educators and researchers in the field of rehabilitation counseling, where there is a critical shortage of leaders. The program benefits from strong ties to the rehabilitation community and service delivery systems, and through long-standing affiliations with national and international professional associations.

www.education.msu.edu/cepse/rehab
(517) 355-1838

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

The School Psychology Ph.D. program helps school psychologists become data-based, system-wide problem-solvers who work with learners of all ages. The program’s goal is to train students for a range of practice consistent with contemporary models of school psychological services while concurrently developing them as scientists who can assume leadership roles in universities, communities and/or school systems.

www.education.msu.edu/cepse/schoolpsychology
(517) 432-0843
SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Special Education Ph.D. program is designed to prepare professionals for leadership positions in the field. Students learn to conduct research that impacts policy, practice and student success. They also develop a strong commitment to excellence in preparing teachers and in serving the families, institutions and professional communities concerned with children and youth with special needs.

www.education.msu.edu/cepse/specialed
(517) 355-1837

DOCTORAL SPECIALIZATIONS

ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION

The interdisciplinary specialization in Economics of Education helps students learn the best quantitative methods to answer policy questions in education. Doctoral candidates from four College of Education programs – Educational Policy, K-12 Educational Administration, Measurement and Quantitative Methods, and Curriculum, Instruction and Teacher Education - are eligible for the fellowship program, which includes a graduate assistantship and an annual $30,000 stipend.

www.education.msu.edu/economics-education
(517) 432-8253
DOCTORAL SPECIALIZATIONS

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY EDUCATION

The specialization in Language and Literacy Education is designed for doctoral students from three programs – Curriculum, Instruction and Teacher Education, Educational Psychology and Educational Technology and Special Education – who aspire to be scholars, curriculum developers and policy leaders in literacy. The specialization focuses on literacy theory, research and education, helping students address issues of language and literacy development, use and instruction, literacy contexts of social, cultural and linguistic differences, and the possibilities of transforming how people read and take action in their worlds.

(517) 432-4865

URBAN SPECIALIZATION

Graduate students in the College of Education have an opportunity to study issues of urban education in greater depth through the Urban Specialization. This interdepartmental sequence of courses is primarily for doctoral students who have a particular interest in teaching and conducting research within the contexts of urban communities.

(517) 353-9017
Ed.S. Program

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

The Educational Specialist program prepares individuals to work as highly skilled school psychologists in school settings and leads to Michigan certification as a School Psychologist and the Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential. The program includes a planned sequence of coursework in school psychology and supporting disciplines, complemented by practical and internship experiences.

www.education.msu.edu/cepse/schoolpsychology
(517) 432-0843
Financial Support

FELLOWSHIPS

The College of Education, with funding from the Graduate School, provides more than $2 million in graduate student fellowships and grants each year. Fellowships, typically awarded on a competitive basis, are designed to help recruit exemplary students and cover costs such as research, tuition, living expenses and professional development. They are often combined with graduate assistantships.

The college offers several fellowships that are specifically intended to help Ph.D. students develop and pursue their own research. Summer research fellowships, for example, are available to about 60 doctoral students each year.

www.education.msu.edu/fellowships
Financial Support

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate students may assist faculty with research projects, play a role in teaching courses or provide other services to the college or university. Assistantships vary from one-quarter to one-half time and pay $350 to $800 on a biweekly basis.

Assistantships also include waiving the out-of-state portion of tuition, waiving 9 credits of in-state tuition each fall and spring semester, and paid enrollment in the graduate student health insurance plan.

www.education.msu.edu/assistantships