

TEACHING, LEARNING AND EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

Master of Arts

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This program provides a comprehensive professional development option for current preK-12 teachers. In order to address the ever-changing and complex challenges faced by today's teachers, teachers and faculty advisors work together to customize programs of study to meet individual needs and professional goals. The result can be a degree that matters to you, your school, and your community, encompassing interdisciplinary studies and a set of core program beliefs.

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This program gave me the confidence and language I needed to address challenges and push for change.

■ Natalia Carvalho-Pinto, alumna



U.S. News and World Report ranked WMU **No. 3 in the state of Michigan for graduate schools in education** and in the top 100 public institutions of all colleges and universities reviewed.



The WMU teacher education unit is **accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.**

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CONCENTRATIONS

- **Curriculum and Instruction:** This program designed to bridge theory and practice and prepare teachers, administrators, and staff with a grounded approach to the fields of curriculum theory and design, pedagogy, and multicultural education.
- **Early Childhood Education:** This program is designed for early childhood educators and administrators working in a variety of settings including childcare, private and public preschools, and home-based programs. Educators wishing to increase their knowledge base and professional skills, including teachers with elementary school certification wishing to add the ZS endorsement, are also ideal candidates for this program.
- **Educational Foundations:** This program is designed to explore the socio-cultural, political, and philosophical context of educational theory and practice. This concentration is open to current and aspiring educational professionals, including those who work in a traditional school setting, higher education, or community programs as well as students seeking to apply to a doctoral program in education.
- **Teacher Leader:** This program is for Michigan certified teachers who would like to earn the TL (Teacher Leader) endorsement along with a master's degree.

FLEXIBLE COURSES

Courses are offered online and face-to-face on a rotating basis at four regional centers: Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Southwest.



93% of WMU teaching, learning and educational studies graduates were employed or continuing education within three months of graduation.

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