

TEACHING: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Master of Arts

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This master of arts program meets state requirements to obtain the elementary education certification at the graduate level. The program is designed for non-certified early childhood educators who:

- Are currently employed full-time in a K-5th grade classroom that can serve as your internship placement or can be placed for a full-time internship or paid position during the school year
- Want to be a part of a supportive professional learning community
- Are ready to complete the required online classes in 12 months



The professors and I had thorough conversations about what my career goals were and how to create an action plan to develop myself into an effective teacher.

■ Zyaire Kahnah, alumnus



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 (CAEP)**.

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PROGRAM STRENGTHS

- Students in this program co-teach with trained mentors and receive extensive coaching during the school year.
- Students in this program complete a year-long clinical experience with the required coursework for certification.
- Students in this program work in cohorts and receive targeted feedback on their practice as they apply what they are learning in their coursework.
- Students will have the opportunity to be placed in the district as full-time teachers and receive comprehensive induction support for three years.

URBAN TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM

In 2020 WMU received a nearly \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to develop the Urban Teacher Residency Program with Kalamazoo Public Schools and Benton Harbor Area Schools. The Urban Teacher Residency Program at Western Michigan University works to develop an affordable pathway for long-term substitute teachers and paraprofessionals to become certified teachers in Benton Harbor Area Schools and Kalamazoo Public Schools. Urban Teacher Residents receive a \$20,000 stipend to participate in this master of arts program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Interview required prior to application submission
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- An overall grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4 point scale) in the last two years of undergraduate work
- A concise written "statement of purpose" (250 words or less) indicating the applicant's reasons for seeking admission to the program and what the applicant hopes to accomplish during the program of study
- Two letters of recommendation
- A resume or curriculum vitae (CV)



WMU received a nearly \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help fund this program. Read about the grant at wmich.edu/teaching/urban-teacher-residency-program.com

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