WAYNE STATE COLLEGE

COMMUNITY OF LEARNING (MSE)

Curriculum and Instruction - Instructional Leadership

Advance your teaching practice and leadership capacity through Wayne State College's Community of Learning format within the Curriculum and Instruction MSE program. You'll examine instructional theory, curriculum design, assessment practices, and educational research with an emphasis on practical application across PK–16 learning environments.
Designed for licensed, practicing educators, the Community of Learning is a two-year, hybrid master's degree experience built around collaboration, reflection, and shared professional growth. Participants join a cohort of educators from diverse grade levels and disciplines, meeting five Saturdays per semester in a face-to-face setting while continuing their professional roles. This model is ideal for educators who value collegial learning, professional inquiry, and the opportunity to deepen their practice alongside peers committed to continuous improvement.

fast facts

Degree offered: Master of Science in Education (MSE) in Curriculum and Instruction – Instructional Leadership

Credit hours: 36

Cost per credit hour: $404 total *(includes $261.90 tuition + $142.10 fees)*

Delivery method: Hybrid

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Instructional and curriculum design
- Classroom assessment and data use
- Culturally responsive teaching practices
- Learning theory and student motivation
- Differentiated lesson and unit planning
- Classroom management and engagement
- Applied educational research and inquiry
- Professional collaboration and practice

Possible Careers

- Classroom Teacher (PK–12
- Instructional Leader
- Curriculum Specialist
- Instructional Coach
- Academic Interventionist
- Department Chair
- Teacher Leader / Mentor
- Educational Consultant

Types of Employers

- PK–12 school districts
- Postsecondary institutions
- Private and parochial schools
- Educational service units
- Charter and alternative schools
- State education agencies
- Nonprofit education organizations
- Professional development providers

recognized for excellence

Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.



Most Affordable Online Master's Degrees in the U.S.
Wayne State College was ranked among the Top 10 most affordable online master's degree programs in the nation by *Intelligent.com* for 2025.



College of Distinction
Wayne State College has been recognized as a College of Distinction, an honor that highlights institutions for engaged students, great teaching, a vibrant campus community, and successful outcomes.

Program courses

2026-27 Academic Year

The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program requirements: 36 credit hours

Core courses (12 credit hours)

EDU 603 Introduction to Educational Research and Design 3
EDU 621 Education Program Orientation 0
EDU 652 Instructional Theory and Practice 3
EDU 658 Fundamentals of Curriculum Development PK-16 3
Select one of the following 3

- EDU 674 History and Philosophy of Education (3)
- MAT 645 Current Trends in Mathematics Curriculum and Teaching (3)

Community of Learning focus area (18 credit hours)

EDU 510 Culturally Responsive Teaching 3
EDU 626 Advanced Educational Psychology 3
EDU 627 Current Issues and Trends in Education 3
EDU 635 Differentiated Methodology 3
EDU 651 Classroom Assessment 3
EDU 693 Final Scholarly Artifact 3

Additional content requirements (0-12 credit hours)

Take enough electives to have a minimum of 36 hours for this program. Additional courses to fulfill the Curriculum and Instruction MSE (Community of Learning emphasis) degree requirements include:
EDU 600 Literacy through Literature for Children (3)
EDU 604 Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School (3)
EDU 626 Advanced Educational Psychology (3)
EDU 627 Current Issues and Trends in Education (3)
EDU 629 Science of Reading-Early Childhood (2)
EDU 630 Science of Reading I (3)
EDU 631 Science of Reading II (3)
EDU 645 The Principal as Instructional Leader (3)
EDU 655 School Law: Constitutional Aspects and Cases (3)
EDU 657 School Organizational and Community Relations (3)
EDU 666 Supervision of Instruction for Elementary and Secondary (3)
EDU 682 Developing and Integrating Technology in the Classroom (3)
EDU 693 Final Research (2-3)
EDU 699 Thesis (0-6)
Any special education graduate level course by advisement

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