WAYNE STATE COLLEGE

CROSS-CURRICULAR EDUCATION (MSE)

Curriculum and Instruction - Instructional Leadership

Strengthen your instructional practice through an integrated approach to teaching and learning with the Cross-Curricular Education focus. Designed for licensed PK–12 educators, this program emphasizes instructional theory, curriculum design, and research-informed practice that supports cohesive, meaningful learning across subject areas. You'll explore how two or more content areas or thematic threads can be intentionally connected to enhance student engagement and understanding. Coursework may draw from areas such as reading, language arts, math, science, social studies, the arts, health and physical education, career education, world languages, technology, leadership, and cultural diversity. Through a flexible, advisor-guided plan of study, you'll examine how interdisciplinary instruction supports curriculum coherence, critical thinking, and real-world application in diverse classroom settings.

fast facts

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

Credit hours: 36

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

Delivery method: Online

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Cross-curricular curriculum design
- Instructional theory and applied pedagogy
- Interdisciplinary lesson planning
- Classroom assessment and data use
- Educational research and analysis
- Student engagement and instructional strategies
- Curriculum alignment and scope sequencing
- Professional reflection and collaboration

Possible Careers

- Classroom teacher (PK–12)
- Curriculum specialist
- Instructional coach
- Instructional designer
- Academic interventionist
- STEM / STEAM coordinator
- Literacy specialist
- Department chair
- Teacher leader

Types of Employers

- PK-12 school districts
- Charter and alternative schools
- Private and parochial schools
- Educational service units (ESUs)
- State education agencies
- Education-focused nonprofits
- Curriculum and assessment providers
- Higher education institutions

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)

Cross-Curricular Education focus area (15-30 credit hours)

The cross-curricular focus area may include courses in Reading and Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Health, Physical Education, Visual and Performing Arts, Career Education, World Languages, Technology, Leadership, Cultural Diversity, and other content areas, threads, or themes and shall examine the interrelatedness of two or more content/theme areas in the PK-12 classroom.

Cross-Curricular courses upon advisement 15-30

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