WAYNE STATE COLLEGE

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (MSE)

Curriculum and Instruction - Instructional Leadership

Designed for licensed teachers, the Elementary Education (MSE) program strengthens instructional practice, expands curriculum expertise, and deepens subject-area knowledge across the elementary grades. You'll explore research-based instructional theory and curriculum development while gaining advanced preparation in literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies instruction for elementary and middle-level learners. The program is intended for educators who already hold an elementary education endorsement and are seeking to enhance their teaching effectiveness or pursue instructional leadership and support roles. While it does not lead to initial teacher licensure, coursework aligns with professional standards commonly required for advanced teaching and curriculum-focused positions, with applicability that may vary by state.

fast facts

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

- Instructional and curriculum design
- Classroom assessment and data use
- Elementary literacy instruction
- Mathematics teaching strategies
- Science inquiry and investigation
- Social studies content integration
- Research-informed teaching practices
- Communication and student engagement
- Curriculum alignment and evaluation

Possible Careers

- Elementary teacher
- Middle-level teacher (grades 5-6)
- Multi-grade classroom teacher
- Curriculum specialist
- Title I teacher
- Instructional support teacher
- Academic support teacher
- Reading intervention teacher
- Teacher leader or mentor

Types of Employers

- Public school districts
- Private and parochial schools
- Charter schools
- Educational service units (ESUs
- Curriculum and assessment organizations
- Educational nonprofits
- After-school and enrichment programs

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)

Elementary Education focus area (15 credit hours)

EDU 600 Literacy through Literature for Children 3
EDU 604 Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School 3
EDU 612 Social Studies in the Elementary and Middle School 3
EDU 613 Science in the Elementary and Middle School 3
EDU 614 Mathematics in the Elementary and Middle School 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 (Elementary Education 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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