
Master of Education in Differentiated Instruction

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The Master of Education degree in Differentiated Instruction provides K-8 or 7-12 teachers a graduate program that focuses on innovative approaches to meeting the instructional needs of diverse learners. Graduate students in Differentiated Instruction must take a minimum of 36 semester hours of graduate coursework in the following areas: Core Courses, Studies in Differentiated Instruction, and Electives.

Studies in Differentiated Instruction focus on student diversity, cultural factors influencing schools and classroom, effective management of learning environments, innovative approaches to assessment, and collaboration with parents, educators, and community members. Graduate students have the option of completing a teaching internship, which involves university-supervised instruction of students in a non-traditional setting, or a written thesis which involves the independent research of an issue related to education. Electives include courses that enhance knowledge and skills in subject areas and/or instructional technology.

Program of Study

A minimum of thirty-six hours is required. A maximum of six semester hours of approved course work may be transferred. Evening classes (4:30 to 7:15 p.m.) are available during the fall and spring semesters. For curriculum information call (662) 241-7760.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Satisfactory quality point average (3.0 QPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Teaching License
- Satisfactory scores on the GRE
- Professional recommendations from individuals (excluding graduate faculty) who have knowledge of the student's academic/work performance
- \$25.00 Application Fee (Beginning April 1, 2004)

Students not meeting these criteria may be considered on an individual basis for conditional admission.

Admission Procedures

For an application packet, call (662) 329-7110 or 1-877-462-8439 Ext. 7110 or write **Graduate Studies, Mississippi University for Women, 1100 College St, MUW-280, Columbus, MS 39701-5800** or download forms from our web site at muw.edu/edu_hs/GRAD. Email contact is srader@muw.edu.

Admission to the graduate program is competitive. Students who wish to enter the program must have completed the application process at least six weeks prior to the date of enrollment.



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MASTER OF EDUCATION IN DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION PROGRAM OF STUDY

Core Courses: 12 hours

ED 500: Educational Research
ED 514: Professional Role of the Teacher
ED 520: Foundations of Education
ED 552: Curriculum Development

Studies in Differentiated Instruction: 18 hours

ED 538: Understanding Individual Learning Differences
ED 548: Methods and Materials for Teaching Diverse Learners
ED 549: Instructional Assessment Practices and Procedures
ED 551: Managing the Instructional Environment
ED 554: Collaboration
ED 592: Capstone in Differentiated Instruction

Additional Requirement: 3 hours

ED 598: Internship in Education

Electives: 3 hours

Financial Assistance

Financial aid is available to both part-time and full-time students after acceptance to the program. For more information, please call (662) 329-7114.

Graduate assistantships and partial scholarships are also available from the Office of Graduate Studies. Email contact is srader@muw.edu.

If you are a licensed public school teacher in Mississippi and in need of financial assistance, please contact Mrs. Chastity Graves in the financial aid office of the Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) for information on the Graduate Teacher Reimbursement Scholarship (GTS). Her number is 1-800-327-2980. In addition, the IHL web site, www.ihl.state.ms.us/, also provides information on this scholarship.