
Master of Education in Gifted Studies

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The graduate program in Gifted Studies builds on the knowledge and skills that were acquired at the baccalaureate level. Gifted Studies coursework and practical experiences are designed to prepare the graduate student to recognize and meet the unique cognitive and affective needs of gifted students. Graduate students in Gifted Studies must take a minimum of 36 semester hours of graduate coursework in the following areas: Core Courses, Studies of the Gifted, and Electives.

The master's degree in Gifted Studies provides special advanced training and leadership experiences for professionals who are committed to more purposeful and comprehensive programming for gifted students. The faculty of the graduate program also believe that information concerning gifted students is beneficial to all teachers, administrators, parents, counselors, and other interested persons.

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.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN GIFTED STUDIES 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 of the Gifted: 15-18 hours

- ED 515: Literature for the Adolescent
- *ED 516: Understanding Gifted Populations
- *ED 517: Methods, Materials, and Resources for the Gifted
- ED 530: Counseling the Gifted
- ED 594: Atypical Populations of the Gifted
- *ED 595: Program Development and Evaluation
- ED 596: Trends and Issues in Gifted Education

Additional Requirement: 3 hours

- ED 597: Thesis
- or*
- *ED 598: Internship in Education

Electives: 3-6 hours

*Courses required for Gifted Licensure.

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 through 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.