

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

APRIL 1 : FALL
SEPTEMBER 1 : WINTER

NOVEMBER 1 : SPRING
FEBRUARY 1 : SUMMER

**Application Instructions for:
Master of Science / Master of Arts in Education:
Curriculum and Instruction Graduate School of Education**

Our program is an opportunity for you to grow as a professional in the areas of curriculum and instruction in a variety of educational settings. Our goal is to help develop thoughtful and caring practitioners who have the knowledge, skills and desire to critically examine classroom practices and work to improve their practice in ways that are conceptually sound, ethically responsible and culturally responsive.

To apply to the MS/MA Program, two packets are required.

1. University Admissions Packet:

PSU "University Application of Graduate Admission" with \$50. Fee

- Online Application: https://banweb.pdx.edu/pls/oprd/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon
- Or Paper application: http://www.gsr.pdx.edu/forms/grad_app.pdf

Enter the following code in the box at the top of the form: Major = **EDCI**

One set of official transcripts from all institutions (sealed in original envelopes)

Please note the following exceptions:

- A. If you are **currently** enrolled in a **graduate** Masters program at PSU, please do not submit an application packet to the Office of Admissions. Please submit a completed GO-19 Form (For a PDF go to <http://www.gsr.pdx.edu/forms/go-19m.pdf>) to the Graduate School of Education.
- B. If you have previously applied to PSU, you do not need to re-submit official transcripts to the Office of Admissions. **However, you must submit a new Application for Graduate Admission specifying your intended program of study.**

Send UNIVERSITY Application materials to: Office of Graduate Admissions, Portland State University
P.O. Box 751
Portland, OR 97207-0751

2. Department Admissions Packet:

An Up-to-Date Resume

- o with photocopy of all teaching licenses, if you have them

One set of official transcripts from all institutions

- o One unofficial PSU transcript if you have attended PSU

Written Essay/Personal Statement (two page, typed)

- o Describing your commitment, motivation & potential for graduate work

Three letters of recommendation sealed in original envelopes

- o Sent directly to department or in your packet
- o Describing your commitment, motivation & potential for graduate work

GSE Departmental Application Form,

http://www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu.ci/files/media_assets/gse_ci_deptapp.pdf

Send DEPARTMENT Application Materials to:

Mark Wallace
Portland State University
Curriculum & Instruction
PO Box 751
Portland, OR 97207

For questions, email Mark Wallace, Program Assistant at mwal@pdx.edu

<http://www.pdx.edu/education>

Contact GSE receptionist (2nd floor, 503-725-4619) for appointments with program/endorsement advisors.

MS*/MA* in Education: Curriculum and Instruction

ADMISSION CRITERIA

1. Completed BA or BS degree from an accredited institution.
2. GPA: 3.0 cumulative undergraduate, or 3.0 for upper division courses, or 3.0 cumulative graduate courses (a minimum of 12 credits).
3. Review of all your materials in your admissions packet by C& I Department Faculty in regard to your commitment, motivation and potential for graduate work.

*MS (Masters of Science) does not require foreign language competency.

*MA (Master of Arts) indicates competency in a foreign language. The Department of Foreign Languages and Literature administers the required foreign language examination.

Program Theme: *Bridging Theory and Practice*

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The 45-credit program has a 24-credit core (includes culminating activity) and 21-credit elective sequence. Core courses in CI will be offered on a rotating schedule, including options for summer term. An online listing of the course descriptions can be found at <http://www.pdx.edu/ci/c-i-course-descriptions>

***Please check the current schedule of classes to determine when particular courses will be offered.

http://www.pdx.edu/registration/class_schedule

NOTE: All substitutions for any course need to be approved by advisor before the student takes the course. Substitutions appear in the "remarks" section of the GO-12 form, on the students planned program of study. All transfer courses need to be taken for a letter grade from an accredited university at the graduate level. Use the GO-21 for Pre-admission and transfer credits. **Be aware that there is a 6 credit LIMIT for PSU 800 level classes or equivalent professional development courses from other institutions, with the exception of courses numbered 808, which will not count towards any degree.**

MS/MA CULMINATING ACTIVITY

Students will select one of the following three options to complete the requirements for the master's degree:

(1) an independent project –3-6 credits; (2) a thesis –6 credits; or (3) a written comprehensive exam. Further details in the PSU Bulletin, Curriculum and Instruction Masters Program

1. Independent Project Option (Action Research Project)

The purpose of action research is to systematically study and improve ones own classroom practice. In CI 560, candidates design and write their independent action research project proposal. In CI 501 candidates implement their project. Some students may take CI 506- Action Research Group Projects when they are working with others on the same action research project.

2. Thesis

Candidates selecting the thesis option will register for 6 graduate credits for the completed project.

Prerequisites: CI 560 – Action Research or equivalent research methods course

3. Comprehensive Examination Option

The comprehensive examination is a rigorous experience covering all Curriculum and Instruction MS/MA core content areas. The examination is evaluated by an examining board of faculty members.

Development of the Comprehensive Examination

Questions for all comprehensive examinations are developed by program faculty. Three questions will be selected from a pool at the time of the examination- two related to specified course requirements and one related to the elective area.

Administration of the Comprehensive examination

The exam will be administered on designated dates, at site to be announced. Students may take up to three hours for the examination. Appropriate accommodations will be made for students with special needs and/or disabilities.

Evaluation of the Examination

Students must pass all sections of the examination. If a student fails either the entire examination or any section thereof, the department may dismiss the student from the degree program, or allow the student to repeat the entire examination, or the section that was failed after a minimum of three months. The result of the second examination is final. Question evaluations will be completed within four to six weeks from the date of the examination, and students will be notified of the results.

A minimum enrollment of 1 credit is required during the term in which oral or written exams are taken.

PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE for MS/MA in Curriculum & Instruction

I. MASTERS CORE (21 core credits plus 3 for culminating research project)

	Course	Title	Term Offered	Credits	Term/ Year Taken	
Core	CI 561	Advanced Ed. Psychology	Sum, Spring	3		
	CI 565	Theoretical Models of Curriculum	Sum, Spring	3		
	CI 567	Curriculum & Culture	Sum, Winter	3		
	CI 580	Theories of Instruction	Sum, Fall	3		
	CI 581	Issues in Education	Sum, Fall	3		
	COUN 525	Guidance For Classroom Teacher	Sum, Winter	3		
Research	CI 560	Action Research	Sum, Fall, Win, Spring.	3		
	CI 501 or CI 506	Action Research- Indiv. Proj. CI 501- can be taken in a class or with yo adviser as a "By Arrangement" CI 506- Group Research Project	CI 501- Project-Individual Fall, Win, Spr CI 506- Check with advisor	3-6		

SUBTOTAL CREDITS..... 24 to 30 credits. Subtotal _____

II. MASTERS ELECTIVES (21-24 credits)

PRE-ADMISSION and/or TRANSFER CREDITS... Fill in GO-21 for Pre-admission, transfer credits. Submit to advisor.

Transfer credits require transcript(s) from transfer institutions

Course #	Title	Credits	Term/Year Taken	Institution

Subtotal _____

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES

Added to masters Core courses, listed on GO-12, planned program of study.

GO-12 due in PSU Grad Office prior to graduation.

Course #	Title	Credits	Term/Year Taken	Institution

Subtotal _____

TOTAL: _____ 45 credits.

COURSES LISTED ON THE GO-12 FORM MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN **SEVEN** YEARS FROM FINAL GRADUATION TERM.

III. MS / MA CULMINATING ACTIVITY

Select one: Independent Project (Action Research)_____; Thesis __; Comprehensive Exam_____.

IV. PRIOR TO GRADUATION....Turn in the following to the offices listed below.

1. Application for advanced degree to Office of Graduate Studies, 117 Cramer Hall.
2. GO-21: Proposed pre-admission and transfer credit form to faculty advisor in Curriculum & Instruction.
3. GO-12: Approved Graduate Degree Program to faculty advisor in Curriculum & Instruction.

GO-12, GO-21 FORMS ARE ONLINE AT http://www.gsr.pdx.edu/ogs_forms.php

MA/MS "CORE +" MAP with Specializations & Endorsements

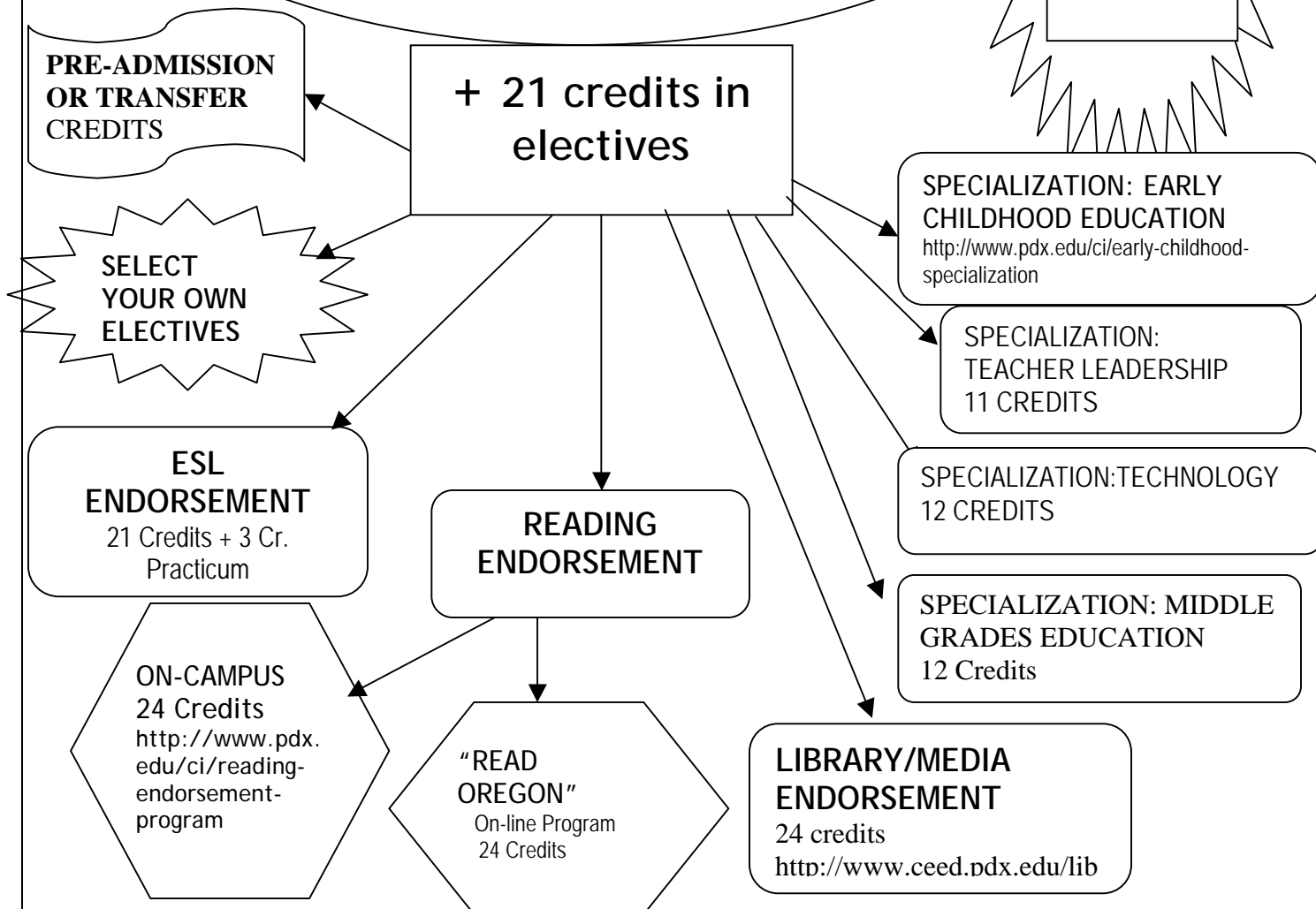
Endorsements are a set of courses in a particular TSPC-or university-approved program designed to develop expertise in that specialty area. ESL, Library Media, Reading are examples of endorsement programs we offer. **Specializations** are a sequence of 3-5 courses in a certain focus area.

NOTE: It is **best to apply for the MA/MS at the same time as you apply for an endorsement.** If you choose to do an endorsement program, check with advisor and endorsement program advisors. Call 503-725-4619 for appointment with endorsement advisor or for times for drop-in MS/MA advising.

MS/MA Core Classes

	Credits
CI 561- Adv. Ed Psychology	3
CI 565- Theoretical Models of Curriculum	3
CI 567- Curriculum & Culture	3
CI 580- Theories of Instruction	3
CI 581- Issues in Education	3
COUNS 525- Guidance for Classroom Teacher	3
CI 560- Action Research	3
CI 501- Action Research Individual Project	3
Or CI 506- Action Research Group Project	
http://www.pdx.edu/ci/masters-degree-program	<u>24 Cr.</u>

NOTE: MS/MA **elective** credits can be applied to both the Masters Program electives, AND to your Endorsement Core Credits.



PROGRAM PLANNING TIMELINE-- MA/MS IN CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Name:			
FALL, WINTER & SPRING TERMS THURSDAY NIGHT FAST TRACK SCHEDULING OF CLASSES ONE EARLY: 4 to 6:30 ONE LATE: 6:40 to 9:20			SUMMER BLOCK SCHEDULING
FALL: Fast Track CI 580- Theories of Instruction CI 581- Issues in Ed.	WINTER: Fast Track CI 567- Curriculum & Culture CI 560- Action Research	SPRING: Fast Track CI 561- Advanced Ed. Psychology CI 565- Theoretical Models of Curr.	SUMMER: ALL core classes offered in Summer Term- Block Schedules
OTHER CORE CLASSES OFFERED ON MONDAY, TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS			
CI 501-A/Rsh Projects CI 560- Action Rsh.	CI 501- A/Rsh Projects COUNS 525- Guidance	CI 501- A/Rsh Projects CI 560- Action Research	
FALL Yr:	WINTER Yr:	SPRING Yr	SUMMER Yr
FALL Yr:	WINTER Yr:	SPRING Yr	SUMMER Yr
FALL Yr:	WINTER Yr:	SPRING Yr	SUMMER Yr
			MA/MS = 45 Credits

To make appointments with advisors
and receive general information
about any Graduate School of
Education program...

To learn about open advising
sessions during the term....

Call 2nd Floor Reception Desk in the
Education Building

503-725-4619

Thank you for your interest
in Portland State!