



College of Education Master of Science in Education

Program Overview and Design

The Master of Science degree is a 45-credit graduate program that is designed as three cognates. The student takes a prescribed set of credits called the “Core” and with the aid of an advisor designs the other two cognate areas.

As part of the Master of Science program, many students work toward earning an endorsement to add to their existing license as one or both of their cognates. For example, Literacy, Special Education, and English for Speakers of Other Languages are three graduate-level endorsement programs that may be used as one of the cognates.

The Master of Science program is predominately a distance-based program that utilizes primarily asynchronous coursework offered throughout the academic year. It is possible to earn the degree completely at a distance; however, occasionally during the summer faculty offer course work “face to face.”

The MS course offerings are scheduled on a rotating schedule based upon a three-year program to complete the degree.

Basic Assumptions and Rationale

The Master of Science degree is intended to provide the student with graduate level content and the completion of a research thesis.

Although most participants will be educators, others seeking an advanced degree in education related studies are encouraged to apply.

The faculty participating in the Master of Science program is experienced and qualified faculty from Eastern Oregon University.

Students are expected to be self-directed independent learners experienced with distance-based education and/or asynchronous coursework.