

UMSL | Graduate School

Master of Education (M.Ed.) Educational Psychology

Degree Program

The [Master's of Education in Educational Psychology](#) (M. Ed.) degree requires completion of 33 credit hours: 15 semester hours of educational and psychological foundations, 12-15 hours of electives or emphasis area courses (including 6 hours from any curricular area), and a 3- to 6-hour capstone course, field experience, or thesis research. The M. Ed. in Educational Psychology is a versatile degree designed primarily for teachers and community-based educators who wish to enhance their job performance and advance in their careers. In addition, this degree provides an avenue for establishing a graduate GPA and completing initial coursework toward another advanced degree in Education or Psychology.

Degree Options

The minimum requirements for the basic M. Ed. in Educational Psychology degree described above provide maximum flexibility in designing a degree program to meet individual interests and needs; however, candidates may choose, but are not required to pursue, one of the two additional optional emphasis areas listed below. Rather than choosing any 12-15 hours in free electives as required for the basic degree, each of the two optional emphasis areas provides restricted lists of elective options from which candidates must choose.

- [Character and Citizenship Education Emphasis Area](#)
- [Educational Research and Program Evaluation Emphasis Area](#)

Application Requirements

1. Graduate School Application (<http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>)
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended (unofficial transcripts can be uploaded with the initial application to expedite admissions decisions)
 - a. Earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 overall GPA.
 - b. Applicants with GPA's below 3.0 may be considered for restricted admission, which requires completion of 12 graduate semester hours and a 3.0 graduate GPA to continue in the program.
3. Entrance Examinations
 - a. There are no entrance exams for domestic students.
 - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
4. Supplemental Materials – please upload the following:
 - a. Two letters of recommendation
 - b. A written Statement of Purpose that outlines your goals for the degree
 - c. Other supplemental materials (e.g. CV/resume, cover letter, publications, etc.)

Application Deadlines

Deadline for receipt of all admission materials:

- Summer session: May 1
- Fall semester: July 1
- Winter/Spring semester: December 1

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

Assistantships and Fellowships

Assistantships typically are awarded only to doctoral students.

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