Education (Educating Multilingual Learners), MA

EDESLMA

Prepare to advocate for the unique educational needs of multilingual learners. You’ll gain knowledge and experience in literacy development, pedagogy, culture and context with a degree in educating multilingual learners.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Education (Educating Multilingual Learners)
The MA in education with a concentration in educating multilingual learners prepares students to educate bilingual and multilingual learners in a variety of settings, including preK-12 schools, colleges, universities and organizations that serve and advocate for linguistically diverse populations.

Program courses are designed and led by faculty. The program advances a contextualized view of multilingualism, highlights language learning processes and related pedagogies, and promotes educators' self-reflection about their potential as advocates for their students.

Students take both a practicum and a capstone course. The practicum provides students an opportunity to apply theoretical and practical information presented through coursework in schools and other learning environments that serve multilingual learners. This is a structured practical experience supervised by a faculty member with whom the student works closely. For the capstone, students identify a specific topic or problem of practice and lead a research-driven project or in-depth review of the literature.

While the program is an excellent choice for teachers seeking to improve their preparation for bilingual and multilingual learners, it does not lead to teacher certification. There is no requirement that students entering the program hold a teaching certificate or seek to obtain one.

This program is not designed to address specific requirements of any single state endorsement but may address many components for state endorsements, depending on the state's requirements.

Note: Individuals who wish to build a career in the field of English language teaching should consider the Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages offered through The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
At a Glance

- College/School: Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- Location: Online

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required capstone course (BLE 597)

Required Core (3 credit hours)
COE 501 Introduction to Research and Evaluation in Education (3)

Concentration (24 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
BLE 597 Capstone (3)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three letters of recommendation
4. personal statement
5. resume
6. proof of English proficiency
**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

The letters of recommendation should be from individuals who can comment on the applicant’s potential for success in a graduate program.

The personal statement should describe the applicant’s interests and reason for seeking this degree.

GRE scores are not required for admission.

**Tuition Information**
When it comes to paying for college, everyone’s situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

**Attend Online**
ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program’s ASU Online page for program descriptions and to request more information.

**Career Opportunities**
As populations continue to diversify, there is high demand for professionals with expertise in supporting multilingual learners. Graduates are well suited for positions within education or organizations serving international or immigrant populations.

Career examples include:

- educational consultant
- education manager
- instructor
- multilingual or bilingual education specialist
- professional development manager
- school administrator

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