PhD in Learning, Teaching and Curriculum with Emphasis in Elementary Education

This emphasis is currently suspended within the Learning, Teaching, and Curriculum program due to budget constraints and limited resources. We are not taking applicants at this time.

Would you like to become a district coordinator for Elementary Education or a professor of Elementary Education? You can participate in advanced research-based courses in literacy/reading, mathematics education, science education, and social studies education. In addition, you will be mentored to teach at the university level and to conduct publishable research. The majority of Ed.D. students in elementary education move into administrative roles at the district or state level. The majority of Ph.D. students in elementary education move on to take positions at universities or colleges. This program offers 72-hours beyond the bachelor's degree.

Goals of the Doctoral Programs

Prepares students to:

- Understand the depth and breath of the fields of literacy, mathematics education, social studies education, and science education in terms of research, curriculum, policy, teacher development and student learning;
- Develop, carry out, and report independent research in some area of elementary education;
- Become outstanding teachers/advisors of college students;
- Understand the role of service in the university setting and begin those memberships in organizations that can lead to a service agenda.

These goals are achieved through a combination of course-work, internships, and authentic experiences with research, development, and teacher education.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the PhD in Learning, Teaching and Curriculum (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/programs/learning-teaching-curriculum/doctorate.php) and the minimum requirements of the Office of Graduate Studies (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/minimum-requirements.php). Because requirements vary, you must refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Office of Graduate Studies and the degree program to which you’ve applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.

Admission requirements will be based upon the following criteria. Complete admission requirements (https://education.missouri.edu/admissions) for the Master’s program.

- Completion of an appropriate Bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- Completion of an appropriate master’s degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- A minimum of three letters of recommendation.
- Statement of purpose clearly indicating that the proposed graduate degree is appropriate to the applicant's professional aspirations.
- GRE scores taken within the last 5 years (preferred minimum scores should be V150, Q144, A4.0 or higher)
- For students whose native language is not English, a score of 100 or better on the IBT TOEFL or a 6.5 on the IELTS taken within the past two years

The LTC graduate program cannot assure admission to all applicants who meet minimum standards specified for the degree program. Resource constraints do not permit the admission of all qualified applicants.

A committee of faculty reviews the credentials of each applicant. It is the responsibility of this committee to exercise professional judgment related to the criteria that applicants must meet in order to be considered for admission to the program.