

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION EMPHASIS (MEd)

Program Description

Division of Education Faculty (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-humanities-education-arts/faculty-staff?d=Education>)

Division of Education Master's Programs Website (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-humanities-education-arts/graduate-programs/masters-programs>)

Seattle Pacific University's MEd in Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) provides five pathways for teachers to bolster their instructional expertise and leadership capacity. Develop your skills in educational theory, research, and best practices to enhance your ability to create culturally sustainable and inclusive learning spaces that impact the health of our schools.

Depending upon your specific professional goals and interests, there are five areas of emphasis: Curriculum and Instruction, Teacher Leadership, Multilingual Learners, Theological Education, and a Self-Designed program.

The Theological Education emphasis builds on SPU's mission of connecting faith and learning by giving educators space to think about how theology shapes their work in curriculum, teaching, and leadership. It offers a unique option for educators in Christian schools, faith-based organizations, higher education, and public schools who want to reflect on their calling through a theological lens.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must submit the following items to Graduate Admissions (<https://spu.edu/graduate-admissions>):

- Online application (<https://admissions.spu.edu/apply/>) and \$50 application processing fee.
- Official transcript(s) from each college and/or university attended.
 - If your degree is not from a U.S. college or university, please arrange for your transcript to be evaluated by a NACES member (<http://www.naces.org/>)-recognized credential service. Acceptable credential services include, but are not limited to, World Education Services (<https://www.wes.org/>) (WES) and Foundation for International Services (<https://www.fis-web.com/>) (FIS).
- Personal statement (1–2 pages).
- Résumé.
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which addresses applicant's leadership abilities and/or teaching skills.
- 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA¹
- Copy of front and back of teaching certificate (if applicable)
- \$50 application fee

¹ If cumulative undergraduate GPA is less than 3.0, applicant must take the GRE with a preferred minimum combined verbal and quantitative

score of 950. (On the revised GRE exam, preferred minimum scores of verbal: 148 and quantitative: 147.)

Application Deadlines

- Autumn Quarter entry: August 15
- Winter Quarter entry: November 15
- Spring Quarter entry: February 15
- Summer Sessions entry: May 15

Contact

If you have questions about graduate education or certification programs:

- Email: gradadmissions@spu.edu
- Phone: 206-281-2091

36 Credits Required

Code	Title	Credits
Curriculum and Instruction Core		
EDU 6085	Moral and Theological Issues in Education	3
EDU 6530	Foundations for Instructional Coaching	3
or EDU 6120	American Education: Past and Present	
EDU 6600	Communication and Collaboration: Principles of Effective Professional Learning	3
EDU 6975	Interpreting and Applying Educational Research I	3
EDU 6976	Interpreting and Applying Educational Research II	3
Section Credits Required		15
Curriculum and Instruction Emphasis		
EDAD 6583	Culturally Sustaining Practice	3
EDU 6524	Curriculum Design	3
EDU 6526	Survey of Instructional Strategies	3
Section Credits Required		9
Theological Education Core¹		
THEO 6010	Bible 1: Intro Old Testament and Pentateuch	
THEO 6710	Introduction to Practical Theology	
THEO 6735	The Teaching Ministry	
THEO 6744	Innovation and Adaptive Leadership	
Section Credits Required		6
Theological Education Emphasis^{1,2}		
Section Credits Required		6
Total Credits		36

¹ With program chair approval, Theological Education **Core** credits received in excess of the total section credit requirement may fulfill Theological Education **Emphasis** total section credit requirement.

² With program chair approval, coursework may be drawn from existing 6000-level EDU or THEO interdisciplinary courses.

Additional Requirements

- Comprehensive Exam or Culminating Project