

MASTER OF EDUCATION

College of Health and
Human Services



THE M.ED. PROGRAM

Rockhurst offers a number of different program options for you to choose from, whether you're looking to teach or eager to expand your professional knowledge.

Classes are offered in the evenings to accommodate teaching or work schedules, with start dates in the fall, spring and summer semesters.

Program options include:

- **Elementary certification, grade levels 1-6**
Program requires 51 graduate credit hours with the possible addition of six hours of undergraduate math courses to ensure compliance with Missouri certification requirements.
- **Secondary certification, grade levels 9-12**
Certification areas include biology, business, chemistry, English, French (K-12), mathematics, physics, social science and Spanish (K-12). Program requires 40 credit hours with the possible addition of undergraduate content courses to ensure compliance with Missouri certification requirements.
- **Special education certification, grade levels K-12**
Designed for those looking to work with children who have mild to moderate cross-categorical special needs. You may simultaneously earn your elementary education certification. The program requires 67 credit hours with the possible addition of six hours of undergraduate math courses to ensure compliance with Missouri certification.
- **Educational studies, non-licensure track**
Created for those looking to teach who do not need, or already have, licensure. The program consists of 34-36 credit hours, with most courses selected by the student to tailor the program to his/her particular needs. These courses may be selected from other disciplines, such as nonprofit or management.

For more details on each certification option, visit rockhurst.edu/med.

Whether you want to start a new teaching career or advance in your current position, our Master of Education degree will lead you there. Here, you'll become a passionate, confident teacher with a solid background in your chosen field. In short, you'll be ready to lead your future classroom.

Through a rigorous core curriculum and a variety of field experiences, you'll acquire a deep understanding of and a special sensitivity to the challenges and rewards of working with diverse students.

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FIELD EXPERIENCES AND STUDENT TEACHING

You'll engage in field experiences early and often throughout the program. You'll log approximately 20 hours per semester in varied school settings with diverse populations. Field experiences will develop your skills for teaching strategies, curriculum, assessment and classroom management.

After participating in a variety of field experiences, you'll complete a 13 credit hour student teaching semester in an accredited Kansas City metro area school.

The Rockhurst Office of Field Experiences is dedicated to helping you get the most out of these teaching opportunities.

ACCELERATED PROGRAM

Depending on the certification you need and how many hours you take each semester, you may complete the Master of Education with secondary education certification within one year. The elementary program may be completed in as little as 18-24 months.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Rockhurst provides a distinctive context for professional preparation of teachers. The foundation of our educational experience is rooted in Jesuit higher education. At RU, we prepare men and women for service to and with others through a comprehensive liberal arts education.

Our programs emphasize three themes of Jesuit education: A focus on moral reflection, teaching for social justice, and the liberal treatment of subject matter.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Apply for the M.Ed. program in these easy steps:

1. Complete a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.
2. Complete and submit the M.Ed application packet at rockhurst.edu/medapply.
3. Submit an essay (Form A within the application packet) describing prior educational experience and professional goals.
4. Submit two letters of recommendation (Form B) that references your potential to serve as a teacher or educational leader. These references are from a supervisor, former teacher or a professional contact.
5. Send two official transcripts from each college or university you have attended to:

Rockhurst University
Office of Graduate Admission
1100 Rockhurst Road, Massman 214
Kansas City, MO 64110

International students whose first language is not English must also earn a TOEFL score of at least 79 on the internet-based test.



For more information on admission requirements or to apply, visit rockhurst.edu/med or contact the Director of Graduate Admission at Cheryl.Hooper@rockhurst.edu or 816-501-4097.