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**DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN TEACHING
with Elementary or Secondary Emphasis; or ESOL Licensure**

This program is designed for candidates desiring to major in teaching at the master's level. Candidates may choose an emphasis area in Elementary or Secondary or an endorsement area in English for Speakers of Other Languages.

Option I (with Thesis) and Option III are described in the current University Catalog.

CORE COURSES TO BE TAKEN TO MEET GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: 21 credit hours

- A. Professional Characteristics (3 semester hours required)
CURIN 843 Trends and Issues – 3 hours

- B. Instructional Planning (6 semester hours required)
CURIN 850 Current Teaching Practices – 3 hours
and
CURIN 870 Developmental Reading (PK-12, with field component) – 3 hours
or
CURIN 720 Content Literacy for Middle and Secondary Teachers (with field component) – 3 hours (by advisement for secondary emphasis)

- C. Management of Educational Environment (6 semester hours required)
CURIN 854 Advanced Methods and Materials for ELL (K-12) – 3 hours
(Required for ESOL Endorsement)
and
Select one course by advisement
PSYCH 810 Advanced Educational Psychology – 3 hours
PSYCH 759 Advanced Development Psychology – 3 hours
CURIN 840 Positive Classroom Management – 3 hours

- D. Evaluation and Assessment (3 semester hours required)
Select one course by advisement
CURIN 878 Assessment for Effective Teaching (PK-12) – 3 hours
CURIN 853 Advanced Assessment for ELL – 3 hours
(Required for ESOL Endorsement)
SSLS 750 Assessment in Special Education – 3 hours

- E. Research and Inquiry (3 semester hours required)
CURIN 891 Methods of Research – 3 hours

OPTIONS

Option I: (30 hours minimum)

- CURIN 890 Research and Thesis – 3-6 hours
 - XXX Electives by advisement – 3-6 hours
- Total 9 hours minimum plus 21 hours core = 30 hours minimum

Option III: (33 hours minimum)

12 hours minimum in or outside College of Education, by advisement, to develop an emphasis or endorsement area, plus the 21 hour core = 33 hours minimum. A research component is demonstrated through successful completion of CURIN 891 (Methods of Research) and through written comprehensive examinations and/or portfolio assessments.

NOTE: This plan received academic approval from KSDE and NCATE.

EMPHASIS AREAS

Elementary Emphasis

Required Methodology Courses: (Minimum 12 hours required by advisement)

Recommend choosing from three of the following:

- CURIN () A graduate level course in reading
- CURIN () A graduate level course in math
- CURIN () A graduate level course in science
- CURIN () A graduate level course in language arts
- CURIN () A graduate level course in social studies
- () Workshops, seminars, and special topics by advisement

Secondary Emphasis

Twelve (12) semester hours in the content field inside or outside the College of Education with at least 6 semester hours in the same area.

ENDORSEMENT AREA

English for Speakers of Other Languages Emphasis (Endorsement)

Eighteen (18) semester hours of ESOL courses are required for Kansas ESOL Endorsement

- ENGL 714 Applied Linguistics for English for Speakers of Other Languages – 3 hours
- CURIN 851 Multicultural Approaches to Diversity in the Classroom – 3 hours
- CURIN 852 Advanced Culture and Language Acquisition for English Language Learners – 3 hours
- CURIN 853 Advanced Assessment and the English Language Learner – 3 hours (Core Curriculum)
- CURIN 854 Advanced Methods and Instructional Materials for ELL– 3 hours (Core Curriculum)
- CURIN 855* Advanced Practicum with English Language Learners – 3 hours

* **CURIN 851, 852, 853, 854, and ENGL 714 are prerequisites or corequisites.**

At least one-half of all hours must be in courses numbered 800 or above.

NOTE: There are four important procedural steps which are the student's responsibility while he/she is pursuing a master's degree.

1. The student must apply for and be admitted to a degree program through the Office of Graduate Studies.
2. The student must apply for candidacy in conference with his/her advisor.
3. The student must petition the Graduate Office to graduate.
4. Option III the student must complete a comprehensive examination or portfolio during his/her last semester of enrollment. Option I the student must complete a thesis/oral defense during his/her last semester of enrollment.

See catalog for specific information.