

Mississippi College
Educational Specialist Degree
 Elementary Education – K-6

43 hours (MTA Graduates with the 4-8 alternate route elementary educator license)

Cohort Tentative Schedule

<i>Semester</i>	<i>Prefix Course#</i>	<i>Title of Course</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
	EDU 6528	Social Studies Edu in Ele School	3		
	EDU 7503	Instructional Design for the Classroom	3		
	Edu 7601	Comparative Philosophies of Ed	3		
	EDU 7541	Legal Structures and Special Services Laws	3		
	EDU 7501	Adv Educational Research Application	3		
	EDU 6503	Teach Ele and Junior High Math	3		
	EDU 7499	EDS Orientation	0		
	EDU 6540	Project-based Science Curriculum	3		
	EDU 7500	Directed Research Project for Advanced Educational Research Applications	1		
	EDU 6505	Leadership for Literacy and Engaged Learning	3		
	EDU 7507	Statistical Interpretation in Education Psychology	3		
	EDU 6438	Teaching Reading in the Content Area	3		
	EDU 7502	Seminar in Elementary Education	3		
	EDU 6525	Studies in the Teaching of Ele School Language Arts	3		
	EDU 6453	Seminar in Child Development	3		
	EDU 6489	Middle Grades Literacy Skills	3		
			43 hrs		

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Education Specialist GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Teacher Education and Leadership offers the Specialist degree program in Educational Leadership to prepare educators with prior educational knowledge and experiences to be competent educational leaders in today's K-12 schools and districts. This 41-hour degree program features coursework combined with internship experiences in the educational setting to scaffold candidates as they engage in authentic administrative tasks alongside mentors who are practicing school leaders. Further, candidates will complete an Action Research Project, which prepares them for real-world data collection, analysis, and reporting. Two program tracks are available in the Ed.S. in Educational Leadership program. Candidates can choose either track: (1) K-12 Administration or (2) Curriculum and Instruction. Courses are also available to candidates in two delivery methods: traditional or online.

Once a degree is earned in one track, a degree CANNOT be earned in another track. If a degree is earned in Curriculum and Instruction, the administrative endorsement/licensure CANNOT be earned. Only administrative candidates must take the SLLA, administrative licensure exam.

Traditional Program Option

Courses are offered on a rotating basis and advisors work closely with candidates to maximize time spent in completion of the program of study.

Admission Requirements

- Must meet all general requirements for admission to the graduate school at Mississippi College
- Master's level permanent teaching license (known as Class "AA" in Mississippi). The Master's degree and license must be in an area of professional education. A photocopy of the valid license is required.
- Minimum 3.25 GPA on all prior graduate work.
- Letters of recommendation from three school administrators familiar with applicant's character, scholarship, and potential for successful completion of the program and one Superintendent's recommendation.

- Minimum of 3 years of teaching experience on the permanent license (applicant can apply if he/she will have 3 years complete by the start of the program).
- Send all official transcripts from previously attended colleges or universities to MC Grad Admissions office.

Transcripts should be sent to:

Mississippi College
Graduate Admissions Office
MC Box 4067
Clinton, MS 39056

Financial Aid office:
601-925-3212, financialaid@mc.edu
Registrar's office:
601-925-3210, registrar@mc.edu

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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