EDUCATION STUDIES (MA)

The College of Education offers a Masters of Arts in Education Studies degree as an alternative to the Professional Educator licensure programs. *This degree does not lead to a Professional Educator License granted by the state of Illinois.* This is a liberal arts degree in the discipline of education studies.

General Graduate Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements for Concordia University Chicago graduate programs as published in the Concordia University Chicago academic catalog (https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/graduate/graduate-admission-student-services/).

New students are accepted into most graduate degree-seeking, certificate, endorsement and/or post-graduate programs for online and on-campus study for in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Students seeking to change programs may do so by submitting a Change-of-Program quick app (https://capp.cuchicago.edu/graduate/change-of-program/). Applicants must be in good academic standing according to Concordia University Chicago's satisfactory academic progress standards and meet published program admission requirements at the time of requesting a program change. Program changes will be processed and recorded for the subsequent semester.

Master of Arts - Education Studies returners:

CUC alumni who completed a degree with a major in Education Studies within the past 4 years may return to Concordia University Chicago as a guest graduate student to request Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) through CUC. CUC alumni must receive faculty advising and permission to enter the program from the Program Lead in which they seek licensure. Please note: all state requirements, tests, internships, and program requirements, in force at the time of re-entry, must be met to be entitled. Once admitted as a guest, students have 2 years to complete all program and licensure requirements. Please contact the College of Education for information about the process. Also, please see Readmission (https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/graduate/graduate-admission-student-services/).

Code	Title	Hours
Degree Requirements		
EDUC-6150	Foundations in Education	3
or EDUC-6435	Introduction to Education	
EDUC-6250	Integrating and Assessing Learning in Diverse Classrooms	3
or EDSC-6570	Teaching Diverse Learners at the Secondary Level	
EDUC-6290	Characteristics and Instruction of Exceptional Learners	3
EDUC-6350	Theories of Learning, Language Acquisition and Cognition Across Cultures	3
or EDUC-6045	Introduction to Theories of Learning and Cognition	
EDEL-6922	Professionalism, Leadership, Communication and Ethics for Pre-service Elementary Teachers	3
or EDUC-6415	Professional Responsibility and Ethics for Teachers	
Electives		
18 additional credits from the following categories: EDEC, EDEL, EDMG, EDSC, EDKS or EDUC		18
Total Hours		**33**

Graduation Requirements

- Have on file an application for this master's degree program.
- Have on file one official transcript from EACH college/university attended of all previous coursework taken.
- Complete, for the degree being sought:
  - the credit hours and levels as designated,
  - within the specified time limit,
  - with grades of C- or higher (grades of C or higher required for MAT programs),
  - with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
  - Students completing multiple advanced programs or degrees at CUC must have a 3.0 GPA in each academic program in addition to a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Have on file approved "Graduate Transfer Credit Approval" form(s), "Course Substitution" form(s), or evaluation(s), if applicable.
- Have on file the Intent to Graduate/Complete form with the Office of the Registrar by the published deadline.
- Have on file, if applicable, necessary copies of a project, portfolio, thesis or dissertation.
- Approval of the faculty.
- All administrative obligations to CUC must be cleared in order to prompt the release of CUC transcripts and diploma(s).

Every attempt has been made to include information to aid the student with information about his/her program, degree and graduation/completion requirements. It is, however, the student's responsibility to complete all steps and meet all deadlines relevant to graduation requirements.