Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) Program
Advanced Educational Studies

Our Ed.S. program in Advanced Educational Studies allow candidates to build upon existing knowledge and skills as a practitioner. Education Specialist degree completers possess advanced knowledge and skills to develop and design curriculum, implement instructional methods that are data-driven and responsive, and assess instructional practices that facilitate student learning. Also, candidates will gain the ability to use fundamental applied research methods informed by theory and inquiry to address everyday, practical educational problems.

Required Coursework
30 total credit hours

Core: 12 Hours
EDUC 7007 - Critical Cultural Studies in Education
EDCI 7110 - Curriculum Studies and Design
EDUC 6030 - Qualitative Research in Education
or EDUC 7021 - Conducting Educational Research
EDUC 7004 – Philosophy of Education
or EDUC 7005 History of American Education
or EDUC 7006 – Comparative Education

Concentration: 9 Hours
EDCI 7224 - Critical Content Literacy
EDCI 7364 - Improving Instruction
EDCI 7910 – Advanced Applied Research in Curriculum and Instruction

Electives: 9 Hours
Students will work with advisors to select electives and may use these electives to add one of the following endorsements to their teaching certificate:

- Computer Science Endorsement
- ESOL Endorsement
- Gifted In-Field Endorsement
- Reading Endorsement
- STEM Endorsement

Concentration Areas:
Students select a concentration area that is currently on their teaching certificate:

- Art Education (P-12)
- Elementary Education (P-5)
- English Speakers of Other Languages (P-12)
- Health and Physical Education (P-12)
- Middle Grades Education (4-8)
- Music Education (P-12)
- Secondary Education (6-12)
  - Secondary Education Biology
  - Secondary Education Chemistry
  - Secondary Education Earth Science
  - Secondary Education Economics
  - Secondary Education English
  - Secondary Education French
  - Secondary Education German
  - Secondary Education History
  - Secondary Education Mathematics
  - Secondary Education Physics
  - Secondary Education Political Science
  - Secondary Education Spanish
  - Secondary Education Science Education
- Special Education (P-12)

The concentration courses (EDCI 7224, EDCI 7364 & EDCI 7910) will focus assignments and projects on your current area of certification.

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A Degree that Pays for Itself!
Augusta University’s Ed.S. program in Advanced Educational Studies is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and qualifies graduates for a salary upgrade.

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<th>2019-2020 Program Cost</th>
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<td>Cost per credit hour</td>
<td>$230</td>
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### Overview of Admission Requirements

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<th>2019-2020 Pay Increase by County School District</th>
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*This example assumes a teacher has 5 years in the system, moving from the Master’s level to Education Specialist in a degree taking one year to complete.

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**Application Deadlines**

- **Spring Entry:** November 2
- **Summer Entry:** March 2
- **Fall Entry:** June 2

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