



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

Our core and concentration courses are offered online!



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.

2019-2020 Program Cost			
Cost per credit hour	\$230	30 credits	\$6,900
Fees per semester	\$970	3 semesters	\$2,910
Total Program Cost			\$9,810

2019-2020 Pay Increase by County School District	Total Cost of Ed.S. Program at Augusta University	Difference in Pay Moving from Master's to Ed.S. Pay Scale	*Years Required to Recoup investment in Degree
Richmond County	\$9,810	\$6,191	1.58 years
Columbia County	\$9,810	\$6,775	1.45 years
Aiken County	\$9,810	\$3,696	2.65 years

*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.

Overview of Admission Requirements



GPA	Minimum 3.0 GPA at the Master's level <u>and</u> a minimum 2.5 GPA at the undergraduate level
Criminal Background Check	Passage of a criminal background check. See COE Graduate Program section of catalog for complete requirements.
Minimum Degree Requirement	Minimum of a Master's degree from an accredited program and an accredited college or university. To be used to satisfy degree requirements, evaluation of foreign educational transcripts must show degree earned that is the U.S. equivalency of degree required by the program.
Teaching Certificate	A valid level 5 or higher Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate, leadership certificate, service field certificate, or Life certificate.
Official Transcripts	Official transcripts are required from all universities and colleges ever attended. Only in the case of transcripts from international colleges/universities will an official course-by-course transcript evaluation be accepted in lieu of an official transcript. Official transcripts should be sent to Augusta University's Office of Academic Admissions. To remain official, all transcripts must remain in the original, unopened, sealed and stamped/signed envelope from the Registrar's office of the issuing institution. Alternatively, Augusta University will accept official electronic transcripts from the registrar's office at your prior institution. Electronic transcripts should be directed to admissions@augusta.edu .

Application Deadlines

Spring Entry: November 2

Summer Entry: March 2

Fall Entry: June 2

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