

# Master of Arts in Education/Professional Education

## Objectives

The Master of Arts in Education degree (MA) offered at UTPB has several program options. One program option is Professional Education. This option prepares advanced program candidates for roles as content-area specialists or curriculum coordinators. Graduate level coursework in content area, such as History, English, Science, Mathematics, Bilingual Education, or Early Childhood may be incorporated into the degree plan.

## Program Requirements

### **School of Education Core Requirements**

- EDUC 6301 Philosophy of Education (3)
- EDUC 6302 Cultural Diversity in Education and the Social Sciences (3)
- EDUC 6303 Human Growth and Development (3)  
Or EDEC 6312 Development of the Whole Child (3)
- EDUC 6305 Research Design in Education & the Social Sciences (3)

**Total Required 12**

### **Professional Education Common Core Requirements**

- EDUC 6330 Theories of Curriculum and Instruction (3)
- EDUC 6304 Advanced Educational Psychology (3)

**Total Required 6**

### **Content-Area Specialization Requirements**

Selection of graduate courses will vary according to the candidate's area of interest. Graduate courses offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, such as History, Biology, English, and Mathematics can be included. Students seeking Early Childhood (EDEC) specialization would include EDEC 6311, EDEC 6314, and EDEC 6316 as content-area specialization.

**Total Required 0-18**

### **Methods**

- EDRD 6319 Content Area Literacy (3)
- EDSP 6344 Methods for Teaching Exceptional Learners (3)  
Or EDEC 6315 Young Exceptional Learners (3)
- EDBI 6326 Methods of Teaching ESL (3)
- EDEC 6310 Teaching Math & Science to Young Children (3)
- EDUC 6335 Innovations in Teaching Science & Mathematics (3)
- EDLD 6367 Theories of Educational Leadership (3)

**Total Required 0-9**

### **Culminating Experiences**

- EDUC 6395 Seminar: Curriculum & Instruction (3)
- EDUC 6397 Research in Education (3)
- EDUC 6398 Master's Study (3)
- EDUC 6399 Thesis (3-6)

**Total Required 3-6**

### **Program Recommendations**

All advanced program candidates in the Professional Education Option should consult with the Program Coordinator to develop a degree plan within the first 12 hours of program completion. Any course substitutions must be petitioned, approved by the committee, and filed with the Office of Graduate Studies and Research. In addition, EDUC 6305 should be taken within the first 12 hours of coursework.

