Master of Arts in Education

Approx. program length: 16-21 months
Credits: 34-46
Cost per credit: $540
Tuition Guarantee

Impact future generations

School is more than No. 2 pencils, recess and report cards. It’s the teacher who believed in you, even when others didn’t. It’s the principal who pushed you to aim higher. It’s the studies that captivated your mind. Now it’s your turn to shape future generations. Make your impact through a master’s degree in Teaching, Curriculum, or Administration.

Depending on the specialty you choose, our MAEd program can prepare to:

- Share your love of learning with elementary, secondary or special education students
- Gain real-world skills through hands-on clinical experience and clinical practice (student teaching)
- Gain skills to position you for leadership roles

Through an online Master of Arts in Education, you can also prepare for teacher licensure for elementary, secondary or special education — or K–12 principal licensure.

View requirements for teacher licensure for your state.

View requirements for principal licensure for your state.

Support for every step

Wondering how you’ll do it all? We’ve got you covered. You can complete your coursework in as little as 16 to 21 months. You’ll take just one course at a time, and most are only 6 weeks long. That way, you can achieve your educational dreams — and help the next generation achieve theirs — while balancing work, home and family.

What sets us apart?

When you choose our MAEd program, you’ll discover:

Dedicated support
You’ll work with education support specialists who will help you prepare for state licensure and other credentialing requirements.

Education that fits your life
Designed with the lives of busy working adults in mind, most of our MAEd program can be completed in short, manageable 6-week courses.

District partnerships
We’ll help you with school placements for your clinical experience and clinical practice through our close partnerships with hundreds of school districts nationwide.
The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. Accreditation is your assurance the University meets quality standards.

**Institutional accreditation**

Regional accreditation is an institution-level accreditation status granted by one of six U.S. regional accrediting bodies. Accreditation by more than one regional accrediting body is not permitted by the U.S. Department of Education.

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), [hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org). Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.
Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 34-46 credits to complete this program. These may be earned from a combination of required and elective courses. Required courses may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits.

Transfer credits

Earn your degree faster. Transfer eligible college credits or you can apply to have relevant experience evaluated for potential college credit. Contact an enrollment representative at 844.YES.UOPX for more information.

Teacher licensure

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The following programs — BSEd/E, BSEd/ECH, MAEd/TED-E, MAEd/TED-S, MAEd/SPE, CERT/AP-E, CERT/AP-S, and CERT/AP-SE — provide the academic preparation required by most states to sit for initial teacher certification exams.

Residents of Alabama, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Texas, Utah and West Virginia: This is an Arizona-based program. As an out-of-state-prepared candidate for initial teacher licensure, your state requires you to obtain Arizona certification first prior to seeking licensure in your home state.

Candidates located in Virginia enrolled in the Alternative Pathway Certificate Program will also be required to obtain Arizona certification first, prior to seeking licensure, in their home state.

For more information on licensure requirements, application materials and website information for your state’s board or department of education, click on your state in the link below:

http://www.phoenix.edu/colleges/college-of-education/teacher-licensure/state-requirements.html

Advanced degrees (MAEd/ADM): University of Phoenix advanced degree programs (Administration & Supervision) may lead to certification in some states. For more information on licensure requirements, application materials and website information for your state’s board or department of education, click on your state in the link below:

https://www.phoenix.edu/colleges/college-of-education/principal-licensure.html

Candidates should check with their state agency for any state-specific requirements, including the acceptability of the University’s advanced programs in any state in which they intend to seek licensure or certification. Program requirements are subject to change based on state certification requirements.

Please speak to a campus representative for a listing of programs available at each campus location.

MAEd/Ci (this is an advanced program): The MAEd in Curriculum and Instruction does not lead to certification as a teacher. This program is designed for students who have already obtained their teaching credential. While widely available, not all programs are available in all locations or in both online and on-campus formats. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.