EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY: PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR (MSPE), M.S.

This is a named option in the Educational Psychology M.S. (https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/educational-psychology/educational-psychology-ms/)

The Master of Science in Educational Psychology named option Professional Educator (MSPE) is a convenient, fully online education program offered through the Department of Educational Psychology in the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin—Madison.

MSPE integrates courses from three School of Education departments—Educational Psychology, Curriculum and Instruction, and Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis—leading to a Master of Science in Educational Psychology degree. In just two years, teaching professionals can complete this degree in one of the leading educational psychology departments (as listed in the rankings of the U.S. News & World Report’s edition of best graduate schools).

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program’s admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program’s website. Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).

Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/).

Requirements | Detail |
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Fall Deadline | This program does not admit in the fall. |
Spring Deadline | The program does not admit in the spring. |
Summer Deadline | May 1 |
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) | Not required. |
English Proficiency Test | Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency). |
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT) | n/a |
Letters of Recommendation | Required |
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GENERAL INFORMATION

- The admissions deadline is April 1; however, the application period is closed when enrollment capacity is reached. Applying early is important.

- We use a “rolling admissions” process in which applications are reviewed as they are received.
- Applicants are informed of their enrollment status within a few weeks of their applications.
- Please note that GRE scores are not required.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher based on the last 60 credits earned from the degree granting institution.
- Two years or more of PK–12 teaching experience.
- Basic computer skills and equipment.
- Teaching PK–12 during the two years enrolled in the program is required. This can be part-time or full-time in a public or private school.

There are circumstances in which exceptions can be made regarding admissions requirements. Please contact us with questions (mspe@education.wisc.edu).

All applicants are advised to determine whether this program meets requirements for licensure in the state where they live. See the U.S. Department of Education (http://www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/) website for contact information for state licensing boards.

FUNDING

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Information on financial aid is available through the UW–Madison Office of Student Financial Aid (https://financialaid.wisc.edu/).

Students enrolled in the MSPE program are not permitted to accept teaching assistantships, project assistantships, research assistantships, and/or other appointments that would result in a tuition waiver.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Evening/Weekend:** These programs are offered in an evening and/or weekend format to accommodate working schedules. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses and personal connections, while keeping your day job. For more information about the meeting schedule of a specific program, contact the program.

**Online:** These programs are offered primarily online. Many available online programs can be completed almost entirely online with all online programs offering at least 50 percent or more of the program work online. Some online programs have an on-campus component that is often designed to accommodate working schedules. Take advantage of the convenience of online learning while participating in a rich, interactive learning environment. For more information about the online nature of a specific program, contact the program.

**Hybrid:** These programs have innovative curricula that combine on-campus and online formats. Most hybrid programs are completed on-campus with a partial or completely online semester. For more information about the hybrid schedule of a specific program, contact the program.

**Accelerated:** These on-campus programs are offered in an accelerated format that allows you to complete your program in a condensed time-frame. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses with minimal disruption to your career. For more information about the accelerated nature of a specific program, contact the program.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

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<td>Minimum Credit</td>
<td>30 credits</td>
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<td>Half of degree coursework (15 credits out of 30 total credits) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide (<a href="https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/">https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/</a>).</td>
<td>3.00 GPA required.</td>
<td>The Graduate School requires an average grade of B or better in all coursework (300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student unless conditions for probationary status require higher grades. Grades of Incomplete are considered to be unsatisfactory if they are not removed during the next enrolled semester.</td>
<td>Contact the program for information on required assessments and examinations. Contact the program for information on any language requirements.</td>
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### REQUIRED COURSES

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<td>ELPA 640</td>
<td>Legal Rights and Responsibilities for Teachers</td>
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**Total Credits** 30

### POLICIES

**GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES**

The Graduate School’s Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

**MAJOR-SPECIFIC POLICIES**

**GRADUATE PROGRAM HANDBOOK**

A Graduate Program Handbook containing all of the program’s policies and requirements is forthcoming from the program.

**PRIOR COURSEWORK**

**Graduate Work from Other Institutions**

No credits from other institutions are allowed to count toward the degree.

**UW–Madison Undergraduate**

No credits from a UW–Madison undergraduate degree are allowed to count toward the degree.

**UW–Madison University Special**

No credits taken as a UW–Madison University Special student are allowed to count toward the degree.

**PROBATION**

The Graduate School regularly reviews the record of any student who earned grades of BC, C, D, F, or Incomplete in a graduate course (300 or above), or grade of U in research credits. This review could
result in academic probation with a hold on future enrollment or in being suspended from the Graduate School.

**ADVISOR / COMMITTEE**

Every graduate student is required to have an advisor. To ensure that students are making satisfactory progress toward a degree, the Graduate School expects them to meet with their advisor on a regular basis.

An advisor generally serves as the thesis advisor. In many cases, an advisor is assigned to incoming students. Students can be suspended from the Graduate School if they do not have an advisor.

An advisor is a faculty member, or sometimes a committee, from the major department responsible for providing advice regarding graduate studies.

A committee often accomplishes advising for the students in the early stages of their studies.

**CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED**

15 credits

**TIME CONSTRAINTS**

Master’s degree students who have been absent for five or more consecutive years lose all credits that they have earned before their absence. Individual programs may count the coursework students completed prior to their absence for meeting program requirements; that coursework may not count toward Graduate School credit requirements.

**OTHER**

Students in the MSPE program are not permitted to hold assistantships with tuition remission.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES**

Take advantage of the Graduate School’s professional development resources ([https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/](https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/)) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

**PEOPLE**

Program Director/MSPE Advisor: Dr. Lisa Hebgen

See a listing of MSPE instructors here ([https://mspe.education.wisc.edu/people-2/](https://mspe.education.wisc.edu/people-2/)).