



# Professional Educator Master's Program

The Edward Houston Wills Master's Degree

## ■ About Our Program

The Professional Educator Program is for certified teachers who seek advanced certification (Class A) in the following areas:

- grades 6-12 (Biology, Chemistry, English/Language Arts, General Science, History, Mathematics, or Social Science)
- P-12 Art
- K-6 Elementary

The purpose of the Professional Educator Program is to promote the continuing professional development of those candidates who have made a commitment to careers in teaching. The program is aligned with National Board Professional Teaching Standards, enabling candidates enrolled in the program to complete coursework leading to National Board Certification.

## ■ Fully Online Delivery

In order to fully accommodate the variety of schedules for our diverse students, all courses are offered in online delivery formats.

## ■ Admission Requirements

- Formal application to the University of Montevallo [www.montevallo.edu/apply](http://www.montevallo.edu/apply)
- Satisfactory score on either the MAT or the GRE (Test must have been taken in the last 5 years)
- Valid Alabama Class B certificate in the same teaching field(s) in which Class A certification is sought.
- Teaching experience is not required but students seeking support with the completion of National Board Certification must have completed 3 successful years of teaching in early childhood, elementary, middle or high school and meet all other National Board Certification eligibility criteria.

## ■ Completion Requirements

All M.Ed. students are required to successfully complete an Action Research project in a classroom setting. This project will align with National Board Certification Component 3. In EDF 540 graduate students are guided through a review of literature and development of a research question, design and implementation of a research study, and presentation of research findings to an audience.

## ■ Course Overview

SPED 507 required if not previously completed.

### Core Area (15 hours required)

EDF 500: Intro to Graduate Studies (3)

ED 503: Power, Politics, & Change (2)

ED 504: Innovative Instructional Design (2)

ED 506: Reaching Every Learner (2)

ED 591: Research Design for Class Teachers (3)

ED 592: Action Research for Class Teachers (3)

### Technology (Choose 3 hours)

ED 529: Survey of Instructional Tech. for Engaged Learning (3)  
OR ED 570 Seminar in Instructional Technology, OR  
an equivalent technology course (3)

### Content Area/Teaching Field (12 hours required) ^

Choose 12 hours of 500-level courses that not previously taken at the undergraduate level.

^Students seeking certification in the "broad fields" of English Language Arts, Social Science, and General Science must have **combination of content courses** (e.g., 3 HIST & 1 POS; 3 ENG & 1 THEA; 3 BIO & 1 CHEM). Teaching field courses can be take throughout the program.

## ■ Montevallo Educators' Partnership

Teachers in eligible school systems can receive up to \$110 scholarship per credit hour toward tuition for program courses.

## ■ For Additional Information

If you would like to learn more about earning a degree in this degree, please contact us.

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