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Why choose Texas State?
Texas State offers opportunities to work with outstanding faculty in a collegial atmosphere where mathematicians and mathematics educators collaborate closely. The multi-faceted program offers a strong foundation and research opportunities in mathematics, applied math, and mathematics education, preparing students for further graduate study, teaching, or industry positions.

The M.Ed. in mathematics prepares students with the mathematical knowledge and critical thinking abilities needed to pursue doctoral degrees or teaching careers at the collegiate or secondary level.

Course Work
The M.Ed. in mathematics consists of 27 hours of mathematics courses plus a minor. There is a nine-hour mathematics core; elective courses spanning a variety of topics including statistics, discrete math, knots and surfaces, and a survey of geometries; and a culminating comprehensive exam. Graduates develop a well-balanced foundation in mathematics content and the ability to use mathematics in their chosen area. An active research environment supports each student's interests with a variety of weekly seminars, including colloquia by national leaders in mathematics, applied mathematics and mathematics education. This program is appropriate for students with the equivalent of an undergraduate mathematics minor.

Faculty
The Department of Mathematics has over 75 full-time faculty members with diverse areas of interest and training. Faculty research areas include discrete mathematics, graph theory, combinatorics, algebra, analysis, applied mathematics, bifurcation theory, the calculus of variations, numerical analysis, differential equations, non-linear functional analysis, number theory, topology and statistics. There are about 20 members with research interests in mathematics education, one of the largest and most active groups in the country.

Career Options
In addition to being well prepared for further graduate study, graduates of the M.Ed. program in mathematics are equipped for positions such as:
- math instructors in community colleges or universities
- high school math teachers for advanced courses
- mathematics editors for textbook publishers

Important Deadlines*
Admissions
Fall: June 15
Spring: October 15
Summer: April 15
Summer midterm: June 1

Applications will continue to be considered on a space-available basis after the deadline.

Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships
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