Department Mission

The mission of the graduate secondary education program is to prepare culturally responsive educators at an advanced level to meet the challenges of the 21st century by:

- enhancing instructional, leadership, inquiry and collaborative expertise
- expanding knowledge, understanding and application of current research
- using technology to make advancements in the teaching-learning process

Degrees and Concentrations Offered

Master of Arts in Secondary Education
Master of Education in Secondary Education*
  - Teaching Dual Credit Concentration
  - Educational Technology Concentration
  - Talent Development Concentration

*Initial teaching certification options are also available

The secondary education program has made a big impact on my career. The professors have helped me to grow professionally and have ensured that I am on the right path to become a successful educator. I now feel completely ready to meet all my future students’ diverse needs.

– Jennifer Morrison, alumna

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The program develops teacher leaders who will make significant contributions in schools and other educational settings.

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Why choose Texas State?
Since its inception in 1899 as a teachers’ college, Texas State University has continuously prepared educators who will bring about positive change in schools. The program’s most famous graduate was Lyndon Baines Johnson, who taught speech in a public school in Texas before becoming President of the United States.

The department offers paid assistantships, which give students opportunities to help professors conduct research or teach classes while earning a salary.

Course Work
The 36-hour master of education (M.Ed.) in secondary education offers the following degree plan options:

- 24 hours in secondary education and 12 hours in an academic minor
- 18 hours in secondary education and 18 hours in an academic minor
- 27 hours in secondary education and nine hours in an academic minor

Students can pursue concentrations in dual-credit teaching training, educational technology or talent development. Courses are offered in face-to-face and online formats.

The master of arts (M.A.) in secondary education requires 21 semester hours in secondary education, which includes six thesis hours, and a nine-hour cognate or a minor in a closely related area. The M.A. is recommended for students wishing to pursue doctoral studies.

Career Options
The program is designed for all students to improve their practice and grow professionally. By completing the degree, some earn their initial teaching certification while others use the knowledge, skills and professional dispositions to serve as campus leaders in curriculum and instruction. Still other graduates teach in community colleges or pursue a doctoral degree in education.

Faculty
Graduate secondary education faculty are nationally recognized leaders and scholars in education. Through their peer-reviewed publications and presentations at national and international conferences, grant writing and awards and service as officers and board members of professional associations, they bring a wealth of academic and professional experience to the program.

Important Deadlines*
Admissions
Priority Fall: February 15
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
Applications must be complete by the priority deadline to be considered for funding.

How to Apply
For information regarding admission requirements and submission instructions, please visit: gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply

*International applicants can view specific deadlines and requirements at: gradcollege.txstate.edu/international

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