



**WATSON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**  
**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON**

**MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTION SUPERVISION**

The M.Ed. in Curriculum/Instruction Supervision addresses the North Carolina Masters/Advanced Competencies which include standards in Instructional Expertise, Knowledge of Learners, Research Expertise, Connecting Subject Matter and Learners, and Professional Development and Leadership. The graduate program incorporates the conceptual framework which is common to all teacher education programs at UNCW: The Watson School of Education develops highly competent professionals to serve in educational leadership roles.

**Program Objectives**

The graduate program in Curriculum/Instruction Supervision is designed to prepare students with conceptual understandings and implementation of skills in:

1. The humanistic and behavioral components of learning.
2. The dynamics of human behavior.
3. Teaching and learning theory, including evaluation techniques.
4. Curriculum development and instructional processes.
5. The study of principles, practices, and techniques of instructional leadership, organizations, and administration.
6. A specialization in curriculum and instruction.
7. Educational research and program evaluation.
8. Supervision strategies and techniques.

### **Important Information**

- A. The M.Ed. in Curriculum/Instruction Supervision requires that students have a North Carolina “A” level licensure prior to admission. Upon completion of the program, students are recommended for “M” level licensure as a Curriculum/Instructional Specialist. Individuals in other fields that do not require teaching licensure (e.g., health-related fields, etc.) may be admitted to the program and complete the degree, but will not be recommended for advanced licensure upon completion.
- B. The Praxis Specialty Area test, “Educational Leadership: Administration & Supervision,” is required for this program if the student is seeking advanced licensure. UNCW must be coded as a score recipient.
- C. Students earning the M.Ed. in Curriculum/Instruction Supervision must complete a written preliminary examination, a thesis that includes an oral defense, and the development and presentation of performance portfolio.
- D. Students must meet with their advisors during the fall and spring semesters to plan program coursework and to receive registration information. Prerequisites and corequisites for courses are listed in the *UNCW Graduate Catalogue*.
- E. Selected courses require additional field experiences.
- F. During the fall and spring semesters, graduate courses are offered in the late afternoon, evening, and/or online. During the summer, graduate courses may be offered during Summer Session I or II, but typically are offered during Summer II.
- G. Individuals may take up to 10 semester hours as non-degree students provided they meet the admissions requirements. These hours may be applied toward the degree upon acceptance as a degree-seeking student. A maximum of six semester hours of graduate credit may be transferred from another accredited institution in partial fulfillment of the total hours required for the master’s degree.
- H. A graduate student has five calendar years to complete his or her degree program. The five-year period begins with the student’s first term of work after formal admission to a degree-granting program. Work completed as a non-degree student does not initiate the five-year period for completing a degree program. Students must be enrolled in the term in which they complete their graduate work or are scheduled to receive their degree.
- I. Applications for graduation are available online at [www.uncw.edu/grad](http://www.uncw.edu/grad).
- J. Graduate assistantships are available in the Watson School of Education. The positions provide employment for 20 hours per week working as research assistants with faculty members or administrators, or as assistants in the Ed Lab, Technology Lab, or Curriculum Materials Center. For additional information, contact the Graduate Coordinator (Associate Dean for Academic Programs) in the Watson School of Education at (910) 962-4142.
- K. Students who have earned National Board status may request a waiver of three hours of elective credit by providing appropriate documentation (i.e., copy of NBPTS score report or ACE transcript) to the WSE Graduate Coordinator.

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington is committed to and will provide equality of educational and employment opportunity for all persons regardless of race, sex, age, color, gender, national origin, ethnicity, creed, religion, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, veteran status or relationship to other university constituents – except where sex, age, or ability represent bona fide educational or occupational qualifications or where marital status is a statutorily established eligibility criterion for state-funded employee benefit programs.

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The program leading to the Master of Education degree (M.Ed.) in curriculum/instruction supervision provides advanced professional training for individuals holding, or qualified to hold a North Carolina Class "A" teacher licensure. The 36-semester hour program is comprised of 12 semester hours in common with the school administration program, nine hours in the area of curriculum supervision including a practicum, six hours in the curriculum specialization area, three hours of electives, and six hours of thesis.

The program of study is designed to provide advanced study to prepare graduates to be effective school and district level curriculum and instructional leaders. The program of study is appropriate for classroom teachers, building administrators, teacher educators, and other personnel who play a supervisory role in the professional development of others.

**Program of Study**

**I. Program Core (12 Hours)**

EDN 523	Research in Education	(3)
EDN 512	Legal Issues and Policy as a Systemic Process (formerly EDN 564)	(3)
EDN 582	Organizational Theory and Comprehensive Leadership (formerly EDN 566)	(3)
EDN 568	Educational Program Design and Evaluation	(3)

**II. Program Track: Curriculum Supervision (9 Hours)**

EDN 520	Instructional Development	
<b>or</b>		
EDN 513	Leadership for Learning	(3)
EDN 567	Learning-Centered Supervision	(3)
EDN 578	Practicum in Learning-Centered Supervision	(3)

**III. Program Specialization (6 Hours)**

EDN 530	Curriculum	(3)
EDN 5xx	Select an additional course, in consultation with the advisor, from a curriculum specialty area	(3)

**IV. Electives (3 Hours)**

EDN 5xx	Select an additional course relevant to the program of study and specialization. This course should compliment individual goals and post-degree career plans, and must be approved by the advisor.	
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**V. Thesis (6 Hours)**

EDN 599	Thesis in Education (taken over 2 semesters, 3 hours each semester)	(6)
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Note: Preliminary Exam and Portfolio also are required.

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**Add-on Licensure for Curriculum-Instructional Specialist**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

To be eligible for consideration for the add-on licensure option, candidates must have:

1. A master's degree from an accredited university
2. A current North Carolina educator's license

**Application Process:**

To apply for the add-on licensure program, candidates must complete the following:

1. An application for non-degree status in the UNCW Graduate School  
[http://www.uncw.edu/grad\\_info/index.htm](http://www.uncw.edu/grad_info/index.htm)
2. A written statement of interest, description of experience as an educator, and copy of current North Carolina licensure (enclose with application)

Admissions decisions are based on review of all components listed above.

*Completed* application packets must be received 60 days prior to the desired semester of admission (Fall, Spring, or Summer).

**Program of Study:**

Candidates must complete 18 hours of coursework beyond the initial master's degree from the selected courses below. In some cases, up to six hours of relevant coursework previously taken at the master's level within the last five years may count towards the licensure requirements. Courses may be selected from:

**Required Courses**

EDN 513	Leadership for Learning	(3)
or		
EDN 520	Instructional Development	(3)
EDN 530	Curriculum	(3)
or		
EDN 515	Curriculum for School Leaders	(3)
EDN 567	Learning-Centered Supervision	(3)
and		
EDN 578	Practicum in Learning-Centered Supervision	(3)

**Electives**

EDN 523	Research in Education	(3)
EDN 512	Legal Issues and Policy as a Systemic Process	(3)
EDN 568	Educational Program Design and Evaluation	(3)
EDN 582	Organizational Theory and Comprehensive Leadership	(3)

NOTE: Other electives to complete the 18 hours may be approved by the advisor.

Candidates must complete and pass the Praxis II licensure examination required by the state of North Carolina: Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision #10410. (UNCW must be listed as a score recipient.)

**Licensure Recommendation:**

Upon completion of the program of study and receipt of passing Praxis II scores, candidates should schedule an appointment with Dr. Hank Weddington, Associate Dean for Academic Programs (910 962-4142), to complete the paperwork for add-on licensure.