Educational Psychology MEd

The Department of Education Sciences and Professional Programs provides training in the theory, research, and practice of the psychological mechanisms underlying teaching, learning, and human development of students as well as the related school processes and structures. The department also specializes in educational research, psychoeducational assessment, and school psychology.

The M.Ed. in Educational Psychology is a flexible degree that allows candidates to tailor the program curriculum to meet individual interests and career goals. The degree is not associated with any particular position or career; rather it is intended to enhance current performance in a variety of educational and community-based settings and roles, to facilitate advancement within one’s current position, and to prepare candidates for other advanced degrees in education or psychology. The M.Ed. in Educational Psychology degree consists of 30 hours of graduate coursework in the following areas:

A. Foundations (15 hours)
B. Electives (12 hours)
C. Capstone Experience (3 hours)

The foundations courses consist of 6 hours of study regarding the educational and psychological foundations, 3 hours of human development, and 6 hours of educational research and evaluation methods. The specific courses chosen within each category, the electives, and capstone experience will vary according to the candidate’s interests.

Admissions Requirements
Admissions requirements include an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher, a completed UMSL Graduate School Application Form, official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, and two letters of recommendation.

Curriculum (30 hours)

Foundations
Educational and Psychological Foundations
Choose two of the following:
- ED PSY 6030 Instruction, Learning and Assessment
- ED PSY 6111 Educational Psychology
- ED PSY 6530 Foundations of School Psychology

Human Development
Choose one of the following:
- ED PSY 6210 Life-Span: Individual and Family Development
- ED PSY 6215 Psychology of Early Childhood Development
- ED PSY 6222 Advanced Studies in Child and Adolescent Development
- ED PSY 6226 Mental Health and Development of Children and Youth

Electives
Choose two of the following:
- ED REM 6735 Statistical Analysis for Education Research
- ED REM 6710 Educational Research Methods and Design
- ED REM 6750 Advanced Research Design in Education
- ED REM 6730 Educational Program Development and Evaluation
- ED REM 6719 Advanced Psychoeducational Assessment and Intervention

Electives
Choose 12 hours of graduate-level courses in any combination of the following curricular areas:

- Educational Psychology (ED PSY)
- Educational Research and Evaluation Methods (ED REM)
- Educational Technology (ED TECH)
- Other curricular areas (with consent of advisor, maximum of 6 hours)

Capstone Experience
Choose one of the following:
- ED PSY 6590 School Psychology Practicum
- ED REM 6732 Advanced Educational Program Development and Evaluation
- ED PSY 6990 Internship
- EDUC 6998 Thesis Research

Total Hours
- 30

1. Admission to School Psychology Program required
2. Candidates choosing Thesis Research will have 9 hours of Electives and 6 hours for the Capstone.
3. Up to 6 hours from other disciplines may be chosen in consultation with an advisor.