

**Fitchburg State University**  
&  
**Massachusetts Association of  
Vocational Administrators**

*Master of Education  
Curriculum & Teaching Program*



# Master of Education Program

## Curriculum and Teaching, MEd (non-licensure)

Program designed to assist practicing educators in developing advanced skills in teaching, particularly in the area of curriculum development and adaptation for diverse learners, as well as enhancing your content knowledge in your field of licensure.

Earn your master's degree in as little as two years with flexible online classes.

## Program Overview

The MEd in Curriculum and Teaching is a non-licensure degree program designed to enhance teaching skills in key areas. However, for those students seeking to further their licensure with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), this program offers the flexibility to accumulate the required graduate-level credits in their teaching field.

# **Professional Licensure for Teachers with Academic Licenses**

Teachers in academic areas can apply for professional licensure through completion of 12 credits of content or content related pedagogy courses in the discipline of the initial license. Work closely with your advisor, Dr. Elaine Francis, to choose these electives wisely.

# For Vocational Teachers

You can apply all of your 6 OCED licensure courses (up to 18 credits) towards this program as long as you have taken the licensure courses at the graduate level. You can also apply the 3 graduate credits from the SEI Endorsement Course.

In addition, if you have completed the MAVA Leadership Academy 1, you can apply the additional 6 graduate credits to this program.

# This means.....

Instructors in the Vocational areas can use their Graduate Level licensure courses to fulfill the 21 credits of the requirements of the Master in Curriculum and Teaching.

6 OCED licensure courses = 18 credits

1 SEI Endorsement course = 3 credits

Up to 21 Credits

Applied to this program

# Curriculum and Teaching Program Plan of Study

## ***18 Credits Core:***

- 3cr Dynamic Perspectives in Education
- 3cr Course in Curriculum
- 2 of the following courses:
  - Education Technology
  - Special Education
  - Literacy
- 3cr Research in Education
- 3cr Capstone

## ***18 Credits Electives:***

- 9cr Content
- 9cr Pedagogy

***Total: 36 Credits***

# OCED Master of Education: Curriculum and Teaching

## Proposed Plan of Study for MAVA

### *Required CORE Courses*

FSU Program Requirements	Courses to meet requirements	MAVA Licensure Course Substitutes	Semester offered
EDUC 9005 Dynamic Perspectives in Education (3)	No Substitute		Spring 2023 Jan-March
A course in curriculum design/development (3)	SEED 8260 Curriculum Design and Development	OCED 7232 Dev Imp Standards Based Curr**	Fall 2023
EDUC 9300 Educational Research (3)	No Substitute		Summer 2024
EDUC 9150 Capstone: Implementation of Best Practices (3)	No Substitute		Fall 2024
A course in Special Ed (3)	SPED 7024 Working with Individuals w/ Special Needs	OCED 7230 Address Needs Students with Dis**	Spring 2023 April-June
A course on literacy development or technology relevant to the license under which the student is teaching (3)	SEI Course	SEI Course**	Ongoing



**MAVA Plan of Study (Continued)**  
**Elective courses in Content and Pedagogy**  
**Strand I Content Courses in Focus Area (9 credits)**

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	Proposed electives for Academic teachers*	Proposed courses for Vocational Teachers	Semester offered
Elective or Transfer content course in strand area (3)	EDUC 7203 Using Technology to Enhance Student Achievement (3 cr.)	EDUC 7203 Using Technology to Enhance Student Achievement (3 cr.)	Summer 2023
Elective or Transfer content course in strand area (3)	TBD per student interest	TBD per student interest	Ongoing
Elective or Transfer content course in strand area (3)	TBD per student needs	OCED 7233 Teach Meth Using Res. Based Practices**	Summer 2024

**Strand II Pedagogy Courses in Focus Area (9 credits)**

	Proposed electives for Academic teachers*	Proposed courses for Vocational Teachers	
Elective or Transfer pedagogy course in strand area (3)	SEED 8000 Adv. Methods of Teaching at the Secondary Level	OCED 7239 Sem Beg Voc Tech Teacher**	Spring 2024 Jan-March
Elective or Transfer pedagogy course in strand area (3)	EDUC 9016 Current Issues in Vocational Education	OCED 7240 Teaching Method: Educating and Assessing **	Spring 2024 April-June
Elective or Transfer pedagogy course in strand area (3)	TBD per student needs	OCED 7238 Teach Meth Voc Tech**	TBA

\* Academic teachers seeking professional licensure should meet with Dr. Francis to discuss elective options.

\*\* Licensure Courses

**Total number of Credits = 36**

# Chronological Sequence of Courses

MEd Courses	Date	Vocational Licensure Courses
EDUC 9005 Dynamic Perspectives in Education (3 cr.)	Spring 2023 (Jan-Mar)	
SPED 7024 Understanding Diversity and Disabilities (3 cr.)	Spring 2023 (Apr-June)	OCED 7230 Address Needs Students with Disabilities
EDUC 7203 Using Technology to Enhance Student Achievement (3 cr.)	Summer 2023	OCED 7233 Teach Meth Using Res. Based Practices
Elective (3 cr.) Take with MAVA or Fitchburg State with the approval of your advisor (Dr. Francis)	Summer 2023	OCED 7240 Teaching Methods: Educating and Assessing
SEED 8260 Curriculum Design and Development (3 cr.)	Fall 2023	OCED 7232 Dev Imp Standards Based Curr
SEED 8000 Adv. Methods of Teaching at the Secondary Level (3 cr.)	Spring 2024 (Jan-Mar)	OCED 7239 Seminar Beginning Vocational Technical Teacher
EDUC 9016 Current Issues in Vocational Education (3 cr.)	Spring 2024 (Apr-June)	
Elective (3 cr.) Take with MAVA or Fitchburg State with the approval of your advisor (Dr. Francis)	Summer 2024	
EDUC 9300 Educational Research (3 cr.)	Summer 2024	
EDUC 9510 Capstone: Implementation of Best Practices (3 cr.)	Fall 2024	
Elective: take through MAVA or Fitchburg State with the approval of your advisor (Dr. Francis)	Spring 2025	OCED 7238 Teach Meth Voc Tech
SEI course	Summer 2025	SEI through the district <u>OR</u> an Elective (3 cr.)

# Endorsement from a Graduate

“My degree in Curriculum and Teaching from Fitchburg State gave me the boost I needed in the career path I have chosen. Everyone from the registrar to the professors was supportive in helping me attain my goal. They were there for me the entire time and wanted me to be successful. I was working during the program but with their support, I was able to accomplish my goal. Thank you Fitchburg State!”

Angelica Corcoran , Vocational Teacher



# Endorsement from a Graduate

“As an academic teacher new to Massachusetts, the need to further my education and teaching license led me to Fitchburg State University’s Masters Degree program in Curriculum and Teaching through MAVA. The timing and availability of the courses allowed for me to work, coach, and complete my degree within 2 years. I was able to apply the information I learned in my courses directly into my classroom. Everyone was beyond helpful and made the entire process from my matriculation to filling out my graduation paperwork seamless. Thanks!”

Richard Chouinard



# Admissions Process

- Application form: online only
- Official transcript of Undergraduate Degree and any Graduate courses
- Professional Resume
- Personal Statement
- Application Fee \$50

# Admissions Process (cont.)

## 3 Letters of Recommendation:

- List names and emails of recommenders in the online application.
- An automatic email with the recommendation form is sent to them securely.
- References fill it out, attach a recommendation, sign & submit the form which is automatically uploaded to the applicants file.
- You can check the status of your application by logging back into your pending application.

\*\*The *upload option* for your resume, personal statement and course descriptions (if applicable) will be available 1 hour after submitting your application

# Course Discount

Taking these courses through MAVVA, the discounted rate is \$650.00 per three credit course.

If taken directly through Fitchburg State University the rate is \$1,002.00

This is a savings of \$352.00 per course.

\*Prices are subject to change

# Prior Graduation Credits

- **Total** of *only* 12 FSU graduate credits can be taken prior to acceptance. Please contact your advisor, Elaine Francis for questions.

*And*

- **Maximum** 6 graduate credits from other institutions can be applied to your program.

(“3.0” minimum grade in transfer courses)



**Apply ASAP** as it takes time to compile the requirements and you do not want to lose credits!!!!

<https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/academics/graduate-academics/graduate-and-continuing-education-division/extended-campus>

# How long do I have to complete the program?

There is a six year window to complete this degree, with “the clock” beginning with the oldest course, including transfer courses.

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Please contact Sheila Harrity or Elaine Francis for more information on how to join the next MAVA Master of Education Curriculum & Teaching Program Cohort starting in Spring 2023 and for advice on course selection.

Check out the Fitchburg State University website (<https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/admissions/>) or the MAVA website (<https://www.mava.us/>) for more information.