

MEd Authentic Learning and Leadership

The authentic learning and leadership helps students gain a deep understanding of authentic learning strategies that are proven to inspire and motivate students. By incorporating hands-on, inquiry-based approaches into your teaching practice, you will empower your students to master the essential skills needed to succeed in a complex 21st-century world.

Whether you are a classroom teacher, curriculum or policy developer, or an educator in a museum or park setting, this program will help you become an educational leader who unleashes the full potential of your students' minds and imaginations. *This is a non-licensure degree.*

Required minimum credit hours: 30

Department: Education

Type: MEd

Required Core Courses: 18 hours

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| IN 626 | AUTHENTIC LEARNING: THEORY RSRCH | 3 |
| IN 629 | LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION | 3 |
| IN 633 | ASSESS/PLAN FOR INSTRUCT IMPROVEMNT | 3 |
| ED 669 | MINDFUL, BIAS-AWARE & REFLECT TEACH | 3 |
| IN 630 | METHODS OF PROFESSIONAL INQUIRY | 3 |
| ED 632 | INQUIRY RESEARCH PROJECT I | 3 |

Concentration Courses: 12 hours

Choose and complete at least 12 hrs from the following courses and/or Other Electives listed below.

Other Electives: *These allow for educators to take a few courses related to specific curricular interests.*

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| IN 628 | PUBLIC POLICY IN EDUCATION | 3 |
| IN 634 | PLACE BASED LEARNING | 3 |
| ED 620 | CREATING AUTHENTIC LEARNING ENVIRON | 3 |
| ED 670 | INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING & MENTORING | 3 |
| | Experiential Courses for Other Electives | |
| | Exceptional Learners Courses for Other Electives | |
| | General Teaching Courses for Other Electives | |
| | Subject/Content Focused Courses for Other Electives | |

Total Credits: 30

Certificate in Authentic Learning

The certificate is not related to any state requirement: Several states have Environmental Education (EE) Certifications, and it is possible that some of these courses might count for certification via approval from the accrediting organization. The benefits of a certificate in Authentic Learning for educators would be to increase their understanding of K-12 real world teaching (such as project-based and place-based), including in outdoor settings. The certificate is also helpful for those non-formal educators who have no formal training in education. The certificate could be used to promote proficiency in authentic learning strategies for job applications.

Required: 12 credit hours

- Three required courses, plus,
- One Other Elective (from the Other Elective choices below)

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