



## Master of Science in **EDUCATION**

### **Come Back Stronger. Take Your Education Career Further.**

Today's classrooms come in all shapes and sizes — from public and private schools to vocational programs and homeschooling environments. This is your time — your moment — to earn your master's degree and be ready for new opportunities serving diverse learners in all types of settings. Our highly relevant curriculum delivers the expertise you need to influence, motivate, and empower future generations. Through sustained learning, collegial discussions, and engaging follow-up, you'll gain the knowledge and practical teaching skills to make a lasting impact on student achievement.



# Why Study Education at Purdue Global?

## **Built for Working Adults**

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

## **Backed by the Power of Purdue**

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the education field with a name that opens doors in your career.

## **Collaborative Learning Community**

Enjoy a user-friendly, interactive classroom experience. Our learning platform encourages students and faculty to share and discuss their experiences and best practices so you can connect and integrate what you learn into your current workplace.

## **Personalized Degree**

Tailor this master's degree program to your unique talents and career goals by choosing a concentration in:

- Literacy and language essentials
- Essentials of exceptionalities
- Leadership essentials

## **Expert Faculty**

Learn from experienced faculty with the real-world experience in teaching and education to know what it takes to succeed in your field. All professors possess a doctorate degree and relevant industry credentials.

## **Personal Support**

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

## **An Education That's Proven and Respected**

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue is ranked #16 most innovative company in the world alongside Open AI, NASA, and Microsoft.<sup>1</sup>



# Curriculum

Our program is designed to help those interested in advancing become well versed in academic content, application and theory, assessment, professional responsibilities, and professional relationships. Courses are reviewed and revised regularly by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field of education.

## Core Courses Include:

- Transforming Teaching Practice
- Academic Integrity and Scholarly Writing
- Classroom Management
- Curriculum Design
- Educational Leadership
- Assessment in Education

## Concentrations

Customize your degree to develop specialized expertise in one of the following areas:

### Literacy and Language Essentials (46 Credits)

Focus on developing curricula at the elementary and secondary levels in accordance with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards. Develop skills for teaching basic reading and writing skills to elementary, middle, and high school students.

### Essentials of Exceptionalities (46 Credits)

Examine best practices and methods for adapting curricula to accommodate children with learning disabilities and behavioral disorders. Focus on interventions, transition planning, and complying with federal, state, and local requirements.

### Leadership Essentials (45 Credits)

Prepare to improve the school environment for students, teachers, and the community; enhance student learning; and follow nationally recognized standards. Examine best practices for school finance and operations, legal issues in education, curriculum development, and supervision and staff development. In addition, focus on special needs, diversity, and cultural concerns.

## Program Detail:

**Program Length:** Less than 1.5 years of full-time study<sup>2</sup>

(1.5 years for educational leadership track)

**Course Load:** 2 courses per session

**Sessions:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

## Additional Programs

- Master of Science in Educational Psychology
- Master of Science in Higher Education
- Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology



# Career and Networking Opportunities

## Industry Outlook

The demand for skilled professionals who can meet the needs of children with autism is expected to continue growing.

- About 109,000 openings for kindergarten and elementary school teachers are projected each year, on average, from 2022 to 2032.<sup>3</sup>
- The National Education Association (NEA) reports a large and growing teacher shortage,<sup>4</sup> which creates a greater need for qualified teachers. Rising student enrollment in the face of increased numbers of retiring teachers will also fuel the demand.
- About 33,500 openings for special education teachers are projected each year from 2022 to 2032.<sup>3</sup>

## Career Services

Our team of Career Specialists offers the following services:

- Job search and networking support
- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

## Student Organizations and Honor Societies

Our team of Career Specialists offers the following services:

- Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society
- Educators Association



## Career Pathways and Outcomes<sup>5</sup>

### Areas of Advancement

- Education administration and principalship
- K-12 teaching
- Career/technical education teaching
- Teaching leadership
- Professional development
- Curriculum development
- Mentoring

### Day-to-Day Activities Graduates May Perform

Graduates could work in a variety of environments that support or work with children with autism, including:

- Provide developmentally appropriate learning experiences that support student academic growth.
- Plan and provide equitable learning opportunities for students with diverse learning needs and from diverse cultural and linguistic areas.
- Plan instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, students, curriculum goals, research-based strategies, and the school/community context.
- Implement a variety of instructional strategies, including appropriate instructional technology and effective communication techniques, to develop student content knowledge, critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.
- Implement appropriate formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and ensure students' continuous academic, social, and physical development.
- Function competently and responsibly in all professional relationships, which include working with parents or caregivers, colleagues, supervisors, and the wider community.

## Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLCommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

## Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

**Contact an Admissions Advisor at [844-PURDUE-G](tel:844-PURDUE-G) or visit [PurdueGlobal.edu](https://PurdueGlobal.edu).**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](https://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

1 Source: [www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list](https://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list). Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

2 Completion time based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete.

3 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Kindergarten and Elementary School Teachers, Middle School Teachers, High School Teachers, and Special Education Teachers. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

4 Source: National Education Association, 6 Charts that Explain the Educator Shortage, Stacey Pelika, September 30, 2022.

5 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement.