



# ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION

PURDUE UNIVERSITY®  
**FORT WAYNE**

**GRADUATE STUDIES**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
**ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION**

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Teaching is the most rewarding profession in the world, as well as the most challenging.

What part of your teaching practice do you most want to improve? Whether it's using assessment data to improve instruction or differentiating for diverse learners' needs, this program can help develop your expertise and take your skills to the next level.

What's keeping you awake at night? Whether it's federal education policy shifts or the struggle to engage parents in your classroom learning, this program can inform and enhance your macro- and micro-level education advocacy.

You are a teacher. You know your students, their families, and the communities you serve. Let your resume reflect your substantial expertise with a Master's of Science in Education. See you in class!

A large, dark, shaggy mammoth stands in a savanna landscape with trees and a fence in the background.

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# BENEFITS

## ALIGN YOUR DEGREE WITH YOUR PROFESSIONAL GOALS

A master's degree in elementary or secondary education will enhance your teaching practice and your academic credentials. Become a leader among your peers.

- Built for teachers by teachers. Your Master's coursework will have you applying your learning through practical projects that you can use immediately in your classroom and school.
- The next step in your career with the university you know and districts respect. Establish or strengthen your connection to Fort Wayne's premier institution of higher learning. You can access campus resources and events, and walk the stage at graduation with your classmates, family, and friends cheering you on.
- A supportive community of educators. Get to know a group of professors and colleagues who are as committed to teaching and learning as you are, and understand both the joys and the challenges you experience every day. In this program, you are not alone.

## LOCALLY FOCUSED, ACCESSIBLE TO WORKING TEACHERS

Students learn with and from professional educators in their region—mostly online. Our hybrid program allows students to get to know professors and classmates through a limited number of face-to-face meetings, but complete most classwork through online instruction and assignments.

Face-to-face meetings for the first year held on Saturdays, 8 a.m.–noon.

- Nine meetings from August to May
- Elective course meetings, if face-to-face or hybrid

## THE PURDUE FORT WAYNE DIFFERENCE

Stand out with a graduate degree that enhances your qualifications through:

- Small class sizes
- Personal attention from dedicated faculty
- Course offerings designed for working adults
- Internationally recognized degree at a fraction of the cost

## TRANSITION TO TEACHING OPTION

Fast, flexible program designed for students with a bachelor's degree who want to teach in Indiana.

- Elementary Transition to Teaching (24 credit hours)
- Secondary Transition to Teaching (18 credit hours)

"I chose to apply to Purdue Fort Wayne because I am a full-time teacher in Fort Wayne and want to earn my master's from a university that is close to where I work and live. I like to be close to the campus I attend. I also completed my undergrad at Purdue Fort Wayne and wanted to continue my work at the same campus."

**M.S. in Education Graduate**

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION (30 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree is an accelerated, flexible model, which can be completed in 21 months. The program features eight-week fall and spring courses, and six-week courses in the summer, with offerings both fully online and hybrid. The program requires two components:

1. Core requirements
2. Elective courses

Elective courses can qualify the candidate to teach dual-credit classes in their content area, be individually selected based on interest, or lead to a certificate or additional licensure area.

### CORE COURSES (15 CREDIT HOURS)

EDU 52000 Education and Social Issues  
EDU 57001 Building Classroom Communities  
EDU 50700 Assessment Theory and Practice  
EDU 50301 Introduction to Research  
EDU 50501 Introduction to Special Education

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION COURSES (CHOOSE FIVE)

#### Recommended Educational Leadership Courses

EDU 50001 Introduction to Educational Leadership  
EDU 50002 Instruction in the Context of Curriculum  
EDU 60800 Legal Perspectives on Education

#### Recommended Special Education Courses

EDU 56500 Collaboration & Service Delivery  
EDU 52502 Survey of Mild Handicaps  
EDU 55300 Classroom Mgmt & Behavior Support

#### Recommended Counselor Education Courses

EDU 51400 Lifespan Human Development  
EDU 57500 Multicultural Counseling  
EDU 58000 Addiction & Trauma Counseling

### ELECTIVE COURSES (15 CREDIT HOURS)

Content-area coursework (first 15 credits count toward master's degree, three more earn qualification to teach dual-credit classes in that subject).

Disciplines with graduate courses at Purdue Fort Wayne

- Biology
- English
- Mathematics

### CERTIFICATES AND LICENSURES

Certificates and additional licensure (first 15 credits count toward master's degree, final three needed for certificate).

- Computer Science Education (18 credits)
  - Certificate
- Teaching English as a New Language (18 credits)
  - Licensure



# COURSES

# APPLICATION DEADLINES



Rolling admission

## STEPS TO APPLY

1. **Application:** To begin your application create an account through the portal at [pfw.edu/grad-apply](http://pfw.edu/grad-apply). Applicants can make and save changes before submitting by logging in with the username and password used to create the account.
2. **Application Fee:** The Graduate School application fee is \$60 (U.S. dollars) for domestic applicants and \$75 (U.S. dollars) for international applicants. Your application will not be processed until your nonrefundable application fee has been paid.
3. **Transcripts:** Through the application portal, you must upload transcript(s) and/or academic document(s) for every institution of higher education you attended regardless of whether or not a degree was received. If a degree was received then it must be printed on the transcripts. If no degree conferral is printed on the transcripts then a copy of the original diploma (degree certificate) is needed. If the documents are not in English, you must upload an English translation certified by the college or university that issued it. All candidates must hold a four-year undergraduate degree or equivalent in any discipline from a recognized institution.
4. **Diversity Statement (Essay):** Many graduate programs use the diversity essay as one criterion when determining recommendations for fellowships/funding. The diversity essay should be 500 words or less responding to the following statement: describe your leadership, work experience, service experience, or other significant involvement with racial, ethnic, socio-economic, or educational communities that have traditionally been underrepresented in higher education, and how these experiences would promote a diversity of views, experiences, and ideas in the pursuit of research, scholarship, and creative excellence.
5. **Resume:** You must submit an updated copy of your resume with your application materials.

## OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

You must provide official transcripts and/or academic records at the request of the graduate program or if you are admitted and choose to enroll. An official transcript bears the original signature of the registrar and/or the original seal of the issuing institution. An unofficial transcript printed from your current/previous institution(s) student system is not an acceptable document. Official documents should be submitted to:

Purdue University Fort Wayne  
Office of Graduate Studies  
2101 E Coliseum Blvd., KT 140  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Domestic transcripts must be mailed directly from a Registrar's office to the Office of Graduate Admissions. (You can choose to send the transcripts yourself, but the transcripts must be in an envelope sealed by the Registrar.)

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