Thank you for your interest in Concordia University Chicago's off-campus Master's degree programs. We are pleased to bring our convenient, one-night-a-week graduate programs to your local area. Tuition for these programs includes a 17% - 25% discount for teachers, and space in each cohort is limited. Once you submit your application and application fee (Steps 1 & 2 below), I will be able to hold your place in class until your application file is complete.

This packet includes all of the information that you will need to be admitted into the program. Read through this packet carefully, and be sure to contact me if you have any questions. My team and I are committed to guiding you through the application process. Choosing where to go to graduate school is an important step, and I want to help you in any way that I can. You can reach me by phone at (708) 957-5994 or by email at kwebster@graduateprogram.org.

Apply online at http://www.graduateprogram.org/concordia-chicago/application-checklist for faster processing.

1 Application (Pages 4-6)  
Submit your application online or complete pages 4 through 6 and return by fax to (708) 957-7618.

2 Application Fee (Page 7)  
Use our secure payment center to submit your application fee online or complete page 7 and return by fax to (708) 957-7618.

Once you have reserved your seat, turn to Pages 2 & 3 or visit the online checklist to complete the remaining admission steps.

Congratulations on your pursuit of a Master's degree with Concordia University Chicago!

Sincerely,
Kristin Webster  
Graduate Information Office  
(708) 957-5994  
kwebster@graduateprogram.org
Completing your application steps online at: [http://www.graduateprogram.org/concordia-chicago/application-checklist](http://www.graduateprogram.org/concordia-chicago/application-checklist) will allow for more immediate processing of your application.

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| 3    | **Financial Aid (Page 8)**  
Apply for financial aid and/or make arrangements for payment. You will need to complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). **It is in your best interest to complete the financial aid process as early as possible.** Additional information and how to apply for financial aid can be found online. For assistance, call Concordia's financial aid help-line at (708) 209-3347. To inquire about the Pay-As-You-Go plan, please contact the Business Services Office at 708-209-3237. |
| 4    | **Official Transcripts (Page 9)**  
Arrange for all official, sealed academic transcripts from institutions where degrees were earned to be sent to the address below. For transcript review questions, contact the Office of Graduate Admission directly at (708) 209-4093. If you need help, further instructions are listed on page 9.  
**Transfer Credit Review Form:** Complete this form only if you are requesting to transfer credit from graduate coursework into this program. This form must be completed and returned prior to beginning classes at CUC in order for your transcripts to be evaluated. |
| 5    | **Objective Statement**  
You may submit your statement directly to the Graduate Information Office online. The statement must be a minimum of 2 paragraphs. |
| 6    | **Letter(s) of Recommendation**  
The easiest and fastest way to request a recommendation is to use our online system. This will allow us to e-mail reference forms directly to your recommender on your behalf. Two letters of recommendation are required for all programs. |
| 7    | **Professional Educator License**  
If you have a valid Professional Educator License, please submit a copy to the Graduate Information Office by fax at (708) 957-7618.  
If your license is from out of state, a valid and current Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) with an endorsement such as early childhood, elementary, secondary, special K-12, special preschool-age 21 or other Illinois approved endorsement must be submitted by no later than the second course in the program. A valid IL PEL and completion of all requirements for admission will allow each student to remain in the program. |
| 8    | **Registration Form**  
You will receive this form from the Graduate Information Office approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the program beginning. |

Once you have reserved your seat, please continue with the following steps to complete your admission file. **NOTE:** You will not be eligible for financial aid until your admission file is complete.
Required for Illinois Principal Preparation Program students only:

**Employment Verification Form**

Illinois Principal Preparation Candidates are required to have an Employment Verification form to be completed by your principal or human resources. Students enrolling in this program are required by the state of IL to have 2 verified years as a full-time teacher upon entering the program, and 4 verified years by program completion. This form can be completed online.

Required for Counseling students only:

**Counseling Questions (Page 10)**

In order to complete your admissions file for either the School Counseling Master’s program or the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program please complete the Counseling questionnaire. Each answer should be approximately one page in length. Please follow the prompt on page 10 and submit your questionnaire via email, fax, or mail listed below.

Students in MAT Elementary program only:

**Elementary MAT Pre-Requisite General Education Requirement Checklist (Page 11-12)**

Program only available in Spring and Fall

Completing your application steps online at: [http://www.graduateprogram.org/concordia-chicago/application-checklist](http://www.graduateprogram.org/concordia-chicago/application-checklist) will allow for more immediate processing of your application.

If you choose to submit paper forms for any of the steps above, documents should be mailed, emailed, or faxed to:

**Concordia University Chicago**

Office of Graduate Admission and Student Services

7400 Augusta Street

River Forest, IL 60305-1499

**kwebster@graduateprogram.org**

**(708) 957-7618**
Application for Graduate Admission (Page 1 of 3)

☐ Ms.  ☐ Mrs.  ☐ Miss  ☐ Mr.  

Name ____________________________ Anticipated Start Date ____________________________

Last: ____________________________ First: ____________________________ Middle: ____________________________ Former/Maiden: ____________________________

Street Address ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______

Home Phone (___) ______ Work Phone (___) ______

Mailing Address (if different from above) ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______

Email ____________________________

☐ Male  ☐ Female  Date of Birth: ____________________________ Country of Birth: ____________________________

Citizenship: ☐ United States - or- Other: ____________________________  *If other, please complete page 3 of the Application

Are you studying through the Saudi Arabia Cultural Mission? ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Permanent Resident Number: A- ____________________________

Do you hold a current Visa? ☐ No  ☐ Yes: Visa Type: ☐ Student  ☐ Permanent Resident

Cohort Location:

Summer 2018: ☐ Chicago Heights  ☐ Cicero  ☐ Crystal Lake  ☐ Elgin/Streamwood  ☐ Lake County (Vernon Hills)  ☐ River Forest  
☐ University Center of Lake County  ☐ Wells  ☐ Online

Fall 2018: ☐ Champaign  ☐ Fox Lake  ☐ Joliet  ☐ Lombard/Villa Park  ☐ Marquette Park/Near South Side  ☐ North CPS  
☐ Orland Park/Tinley Park  ☐ River Forest  ☐ Rockford  ☐ St. Charles/Batavia  ☐ University Center of Lake County  ☐ Online

For which cohort program are you applying? (CHECK ONE BOX ONLY)

☐ Curriculum & Instruction MA*  ☐ School Counseling MA with Endorsement  
☐ Curriculum Instruction with Bilingual Endorsement*  ☐ Special Education MA*  
☐ Curriculum Instruction with ESL Endorsement*  ☐ Special Education Endorsement (only)*  
☐ Curriculum Instruction with ESL and Bilingual Endorsement*  ☐ Special Education Leadership MA*  
☐ Differentiated Instruction MA*  ☐ Director of Special Education Endorsement (only)*  
☐ ESL Master's with Endorsement*  ☐ Teacher Leader MA*  
☐ ESL Endorsement (only)*  ☐ Teacher Leader Endorsement Only*  
☐ Bilingual Endorsement Only*  ☐ Teaching & Learning MA*  
☐ ESL and Bilingual Endorsement*  ☐ Urban Schooling Master’s*  
☐ Early Childhood Education MA*  ☐ Teaching, Elementary Education Master’s  
☐ Early Childhood Special Education MA*  ☐ Teaching, Secondary Education Master’s  
☐ Educational Technology Leadership MA*  ☐ Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
☐ Educational Technology Leadership Endorsement (only)*  ☐ Curriculum and Instruction- 1 Year Completion*  
☐ Educational Technology w/ Curriculum and Instruction*  ☐ Differentiated Instruction- 1 Year Completion*  
☐ Educational Administration MA*  ☐ Early Childhood Education- 1 Year Completion  
☐ Master's Completion - Curriculum & Instruction*  ☐ Educational Administration- 1 Year Completion  
☐ Master’s Completion - Special Education*  ☐ Teaching and Learning- 1 Year Completion*  
☐ Master's Completion - ESL*  ☐ Special Education Endorsement w Master’s- 1 Year Completion*  
☐ Principal Preparation Program (MA in School Leadership)  ☐ Special Education Endorsement Only- Accelerated  
☐ Principal Preparation Program (Endorsement Only)  ☐ Blended and Online Teaching for PK-12 Educators*  
☐ Reading MA with Endorsement*  ☐ Instructional Design and Technology (MS)*  

*Program available online

Do you currently hold a valid Illinois Professional Educators License (PEL)? ☐ No  ☐ Yes: Type ____________________________

If no, Do you hold a valid Teaching License from another state? ☐ No  ☐ Yes: State: ____________________________ Type: ____________________________
Academic History (Please list all schools you have attended where degrees were earned)

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Final Cumulative Bachelor’s GPA

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Have you attended Concordia, River Forest before?  □ No  □ Yes: Year __________

Are you currently employed by Concordia University Chicago?  □ Yes  □ No

Military Information

Are you (select one):  □ Active Duty  □ Veteran Military  □ Dependent/Spouse  □ None

Do you plan to use military benefits at Concordia University Chicago?  □ Yes  □ No

Race / Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino?  □ Yes  □ No

If yes, please select one:  □ Cuban  □ Mexican  □ Puerto Rican  □ Other Hispanic

Are you:  □ American Indian or Alaskan Native  □ Black or African American  □ White

□ Asian  □ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Marital Status:  □ Single/Never Married  □ Married  □ Divorced  □ Separated (Legally)  □ Widowed

Religious Affiliation: __________________________

Do you have any relative(s) who attend(ed) Concordia University Chicago (formerly Concordia University, River Forest)?  □ No  □ Yes: What relation? __________________________

The Honor Pledge

As a student of Concordia University Chicago, and a member of the larger society, I pledge to uphold an academic honor code that supports serving and leading with strong personal integrity. Specifically this includes not cheating or using inappropriate or dishonest means in the completion of academic requirements. This also includes not giving unauthorized assistance to others. I understand that it is my responsibility to comply with this honor system.

I understand that Concordia University’s official policies and procedures are published in the Graduate Catalog. I understand and agree that these policies and procedures may be revised during my enrollment at Concordia University Chicago. I agree that I am responsible for reviewing and abiding by these policies and procedures.

I verify that the information provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that the falsification or withholding of any information in regard to this application may result in a loss of credit and dismissal from the institution.

Signature of Applicant __________________________ Date ________

OFFICE USE ONLY

Application received by __________________________ Cohort number ________
International Student Information

INTERNATIONAL PHONE NUMBERS
Home ( ) Cell ( ) Work ( )

INTERNATIONAL PERMANENT ADDRESS
Street Address
City ___________________________ Territory/State ___________________________ Zip ______ Country ______

INTERNATIONAL MAILING ADDRESS (if different from International Permanent Address)
Street Address
City ___________________________ Territory/State ___________________________ Zip ______ Country ______

Nation of Birth ___________________________ Nation of Citizenship ___________________________

Language: □ Arabic □ Chinese □ English □ French □ German □ Greek □ Italian □ Japanese □ Korean □ Russian □ Spanish

(choose one)

The sponsor of your education in the U.S.: (choose one)
□ Employer □ Immediate Family □ Lutheran World Mission □ Self □ Friend □ Government □ Relative

Are you bringing a spouse to this country? □ No □ Yes

Are you bringing dependents to this country? □ No □ Yes: How many dependents are you bringing? ______
TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD: Fill out this section and fax to (708) 957-7618

☐ Please use this section to pay your $50 non-refundable application fee.

☐ If you prefer, please contact the Graduate Information Office at (708) 957-5994 to pay your fee by credit card over the phone.

If you have any questions, please call us at (708) 957-5994 or e-mail kwebster@graduateprogram.org.

Student Name ____________________________
Name on Card ____________________________
Cardholder Address _________________________
City ____________________________________ State __________ Zip Code __________

Card Type: ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ Discover  Amount: $50.00

Card Number ____________________________ Expiration Date __________ CCV# __________

Cardholder Signature ______________________ Date __________

Telephone Number of Payee ( ) ____________________________
(in case there is a problem processing the transaction and we need to contact the cardholder for additional information)

Effective 9-1-10 VISA will no longer be accepted for tuition payments

TO PAY BY CHECK:

Date I will be mailing my payment ________________

Signature ____________________________

Checks made payable to: Concordia University
(CONCORDIA DOES NOT ACCEPT POST-DATED CHECKS)

Please note: Application and space reservation are NOT secure until your $50, non-refundable application fee is received.

Print Name ____________________________

Mail check to:
Concordia University Chicago
Graduate Information Office
P.O. Box 1893, Frankfort, IL 60423

NOTE: If you do not receive a statement prior to class starting, please contact the Business Services Office at (708) 209-3241

BSO OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Received: __________ Capture Number: __________ Entered on Account: ☐ Yes  ☐ No
Complete all steps below to apply for financial aid. Note: There are financial aid options that are not based on need. Most students in the off-campus programs use financial aid to pay for the program. We recommend that you complete these steps as soon as possible to make sure that your payment arrangements are in order by the first night of class. For help, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (708) 209-3113.

*Please note: Endorsement Only programs are NOT eligible for Financial Aid. Only degree granting programs are eligible for Financial Aid.

**HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID**


2. **Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy.** You will receive this form 7-10 days after the FAFSA is submitted. If there are any errors on your SAR, log back into your FAFSA to make corrections.

3. **You will receive your financial aid award letter from Concordia University Chicago.** This lists the financial aid that you qualify for. If you wish to decline all or a portion of the award, notify the Financial Aid Office in writing. Be sure to contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions about your award.

4. **Complete Loan Entrance Counseling and the Master Promissory Note.** Entrance Counseling is only required for first time Federal Direct Loan borrowers; all borrowers must complete a Master Promissory Note. Both can be completed at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) (you will need your FSA ID from Step 1).

**Questions? Call the Financial Aid Office at (708) 209-3113.**

**FEDERAL LOAN REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible to borrow funds under the Federal Direct Loan Program, you must:

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- Not be in default on prior educational loans
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress

**THE FEDERAL (TITLE ONE) TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM**

If you and your school qualify, this program may provide loan forgiveness for eligible Federal Stafford Loans. This is a separate program requiring separate forms and processes. The U.S. Department of Education will determine your eligibility for this program; Concordia University Chicago is not responsible to verify your eligibility for this program. Please do not base your enrollment on this program, as it can be difficult to ensure qualification for government programs which are subject to reform and funding changes.

Concordia University Chicago requires official, sealed transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities where degrees were earned. Follow the steps below to request transcripts from each school that you attended.

**REQUEST OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:**
There are multiple ways to request transcripts, and each college or university will have their own process.

**ONLINE:**
Official Electronic Copies:
cuctranscripts@graduateprogram.org

**BY MAIL:**
1. Contact the Registrar’s office at your previously attended school, either by phone, email, or through your university’s website.
2. Submit a transcript request following that school’s procedures. Most colleges and universities require a signature or other official request in writing. Many schools have a Transcript Request Form available to download on the Registrar’s website. Some will allow you to order transcripts online.
   
   **Note:** Some colleges and universities charge a small fee for official transcripts. Be sure to enclose your fee with your transcript request to avoid a delay in processing.
3. It can often take several days for a transcript request to be processed. When your transcripts are received, the Graduate Information Office will contact you, but if you have not received confirmation within 14 days, please contact us at (708) 957-5994.

**Official Hard Copy Transcripts:**
Concordia University Chicago
Attn: Office of Graduate Admission and Student Services #158
7400 Augusta Street
River Forest, IL 60305-1499

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**Remember:** An admission decision cannot be made until all official, sealed transcripts are received.

**Please Note:** If you received a degree from a foreign institution any international transcripts must be evaluated by a Concordia-approved international credentialing service. Please request a foreign transcript evaluation from one of the following: ECE (Educational Credential Evaluators), WES (World Education Services) or AACRO (American Association of College Registrars and Admission Officers).
In order to complete your admission file please respond to the following essay questions. Each answer should be approximately one page in length, formatted in at least 3 paragraphs. Please type your responses using a maximum font size of 12 pt, single or double spaced. These 5 essay pages are a critical part of the admission process.

Your answers will be reviewed and scored independently by faculty members. They will be evaluated based upon your writing ability (including spelling and grammar), aptitude for graduate level study, and your willingness to pursue self-examination and personal and professional self-development.

1 What things about yourself would you most like to modify or change? What steps have you taken to address these characteristics?

2 To succeed in the Counselor Education program, computer competence is necessary. What experience have you had with various computer programs and what skills would you need to improve?

3 Comment at length as to why you want to receive preparation as a counselor.

4 Identify the type of client with whom you will most likely work. What personal attributes would assist counselors’ effectiveness with this group?

5 Discuss which of your personal values might be at odds with those of your future clients. How would you work with a client whose behaviors, decisions, or lifestyle was drastically different from yours?

Mail, email, or fax your essay to:

Concordia University Chicago
Office of Graduate Admission and Student Services
7400 Augusta Street
River Forest, IL 60305-1499

kwebster@graduateprogram.org
(708) 957-7618
The Illinois State Board of Education has defined specific General Education requirements for all Elementary Educators. Candidates for the MAT Elementary program must submit transcripts that document that they have met these general education requirements prior to entering the program. In an effort to expedite your transcript review, please list the University name, course number and title, and the course description for each requirement you meet.

*Official transcript(s) must document that all course work submitted to meet General Education requirements has a grade of C or higher.*

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**Content Area 1 - Communication and Composition**

- **Course in Advanced Composition**
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- **Course in Public Speaking/Speech-Communication**
  - University: [ ]
  - Course: [ ]
  - Course Description*: [ ]

**Content Area 2 - Mathematics**

- **Course in College Algebra or higher**
  - University: [ ]
  - Course: [ ]
  - Course Description*: [ ]

- **Course in College Geometry or higher**
  - University: [ ]
  - Course: [ ]
  - Course Description*: [ ]

**Content Area 3 - Natural Sciences (one course must have a lab)**

- **A course in Life Science (i.e. Biology)**
  - University: [ ]
  - Course: [ ]
  - Course Description*: [ ]

- **A course in Physical Science (i.e. Earth and Space Science)**
  - University: [ ]
  - Course: [ ]
  - Course Description*: [ ]

*You MUST attach a copy of the course description from the website or graduate catalog to have these courses reviewed for consideration.*

Name

Email
Program only available in Spring and Fall

Content Area 4 - Humanities (9 credit hours made up from two areas)

- Fine or Performing arts
  - University:
  - Course:
  - Course Description*

- History, Philosophy, Literature
  - University:
  - Course:
  - Course Description*

- 1 course in American History (Required)
  - University:
  - Course:
  - Course Description*

Content Area 5 - Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credit hours made up from two areas)

- Coursework from Psychology or sociology
  - University:
  - Course:
  - Course Description*

- Coursework from Political Science, Economics or Geography
  - University:
  - Course:
  - Course Description:
  - University:
  - Course:
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Other Requirement

- Applicants must transfer in one course classified as a Non-Western course or area of study.
  - University:
  - Course:
  - Course Description*

*You MUST attach a copy of the course description from the website or graduate catalog to have these courses reviewed for consideration.
Program Objectives

- Build and strengthen a theoretical understanding of the foundations of special education.
- Increase knowledge and skills in evidenced-based assessment methods, curriculum, instructional design and practice.
- Examine issues of inclusion and least restrictive environment, special education educational systems, and special education policy and law.
- Apply strategies and skills developed in coursework through practicum experiences.
- Conduct research to answer questions related to special education practices and successfully meeting the needs of all learners.

Areas of Study

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Endorsement Process:

Students must pass the Illinois Content Area Test for Special Education (Learning Behavior Specialist 1 Test 155). Students apply for endorsement through the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) via their Regional Office of Education. ISBE Form 73-52, official transcripts, and any fees must be submitted to the state before the endorsement is given. This endorsement allows the endorsement holder to teach Special Education students within the age and grade limits of the new ISBE grade level regulations established in 2014. It is recommended that students take and pass the LBS1 test prior to beginning Practicum 1. Note: successful completion of the MA in Special Education provides an LBS1 endorsement which matches the grade level on the student's existing Professional Educator's License (PEL).

NOTE: This is only an introduction of the program. You are responsible to review the Graduate Catalog for program details.

The first six courses fulfill the State of Illinois requirement for the LBS 1 Special Education endorsement*
Program Objectives

The Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction with ESL concentration is designed to prepare graduates who are competent to work in school settings. Candidates will:

• Understand the psychological, linguistic and cultural basis of teaching bilingual students
• Develop a multicultural perspective
• Learn to effectively teach students for whom English is a Second Language
• Become a resource person for curriculum development

Areas of Study (Core Courses)

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Areas of Concentration (These courses fulfill the State of Illinois requirement for ESL endorsement)

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Master’s Capstone Experience:

The capstone experience for the MA in CIE is embedded in the final two courses of the program, Teacher as Researcher and Seminar in Reflective Practice. Candidates will be required to develop and implement a research proposal as well as conduct research in the field of English as a second language. Successful completion of both courses fulfills the capstone requirement.

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*International students pursuing a Master's degree at Concordia University Chicago are required to take the Seminar in Higher Education in addition to the courses required for their degree program. The Seminar is a 3-credit course taken during the student's first semester as an enrolled student. This course will serve as an introduction to the U.S. based higher education learning environment. Students will work to develop academic language, graduate level study skills and gain essential support with cultural & institutional acclimatization.

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Program Objectives

- Apply an understanding of the financial and legal implications of special education programs in making critical decisions impacting students.
- Develop a professional development plan that promotes growth in personnel.
- Understand the role of each stakeholder and their contribution to the special education program.
- Be knowledgeable about & support the use of effective teaching strategies for students with special needs.
- Conduct research to answer questions related to special education practices and successfully and systematically meet the needs of exceptional learners.

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Master's Capstone Experience:

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Program Objectives

- Strengthen theoretical understandings of early childhood education
- Increase knowledge of human growth and development, with emphasis on the young child
- Strengthen expertise in the instructional and curricular practices of early childhood education
- Develop skills in administration and organization of ECE programs
- Develop advocacy skills in supporting the development of families of young children within their communities
- Obtain LBS I or ESL Endorsement with additional coursework
- Must have 2 years early childhood experience

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Master’s Capstone Experience:

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Program Objectives

• Designed for educators with an early childhood certificate/endorsement or the LBS1 (pre-kindergarten to age 21) endorsement
• Build and strengthen a theoretical understanding of the foundations of early childhood special education
• Examine issues relevant to the early intervention, least restrictive environment, appropriate educational settings, language development, and special education law and policy
• Develop and utilize appropriate assessments and teaching strategies for young children with disabilities
• Collaborate with all stakeholders, including parents, community, family members, and other institutions to support young children with disabilities
• Conduct research to answer questions related to early childhood special education practices and successfully meet the needs of all learners
• Early Childhood Certificate/Endorsement or LBS 1 Endorsement
• Must have a valid professional educator license

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Some of the classes required for this degree program apply toward the Illinois endorsements in Special Education. These classes are marked with an asterisk (*) next to a course title in the curriculum listing.

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Program Objectives

• Designed for individuals looking to become a licensed School Counselor in grades K-12
• Understand the school environment and be able to structure programs to meet the needs of students, the school and community
• Develop a multicultural perspective and be able to demonstrate appropriate counseling and consulting skill when working with diverse groups of people.
• Establish a professional identity and become actively involved in the counseling and school counseling profession
• Clarify the role of school counselor and counseling programs in relation to other roles and services in the educational setting
• Prerequisite of 12 earned credits in psychology and/or sociology (C or better)
• 2 tracks available – Track 1 for those with a valid professional educator license, Track 2 for those without a professional educators License. Track 1 - Must hold a standard teaching certificate. Track 2 - Passing scores from the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP).
• Track 2 - Completion of the following three courses with demonstrated competencies. These courses are required, in addition to the 48 hour portion of the program, and must be completed before taking practicum and/or internship: EDU-6425 Psychology and Methods of Teaching the Exceptional Learner, PSY-4430 Affective Education, PSY-6505 Psychological Theories and Educational Processes

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Master’s Capstone Experience

All students in Concordia’s school counseling program will complete a written portfolio. A portfolio is a collection of work that demonstrates growth toward, and understanding of professional standards. During the practicum portion of the program, students will construct a comprehensive developmental program that could be implemented and will increase student’s success in multiple domains. The portfolio developed should be something which students can use in their future career as a school counselor.

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Program Objectives

• Designed to prepare potential leaders to assume various administrative positions which require knowledge and skills in leadership, supervision, and the ability to effectively administer in educational settings.

• Course curriculum will translate theory into effective practical application so that students become ethical and innovative leaders who can manage and administer in diverse educational environments.

• Promote the success of all students through developing and implementing a shared vision of learning.

• Understand and insure quality program development and evaluation that results in effective instruction.

• Develop skills in management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient and effective learning environment.

• Collaborate with staff, boards, students, families, and community stakeholders in response to diverse educational and community interests.

• Demonstrate integrity, fairness, and ethical behavior to help in the development and sustainability of a caring and moral educational community.

• Understand and respond to the larger political, social, legal and cultural context.

• This program does not lead to Principal or Administrative Licensure.

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Master’s Capstone Experience:

Candidates will complete a needs assessment project in the course EDL 6130, School Evaluation and Change Processes, as well as a narrative reflection of how the program coursework has influenced the candidate’s framework and viewpoint of educational administration.

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Program Objectives

- Designed for current educators who desire to deepen their understanding of curriculum, instruction, and assessment theory through a practitioner’s lens.
- Provides innovative teaching strategies with respect to technology in the classroom, diverse student populations, disciplinary literacy, and an increasingly complex assessment environment that responsibly melds national standards and assessment.
- Integrate foundational theories with sophisticated lesson and curriculum design, exemplary instruction and responsible assessment.
- Develop an understanding of how to respond to the needs of all learners using differentiation, effective instruction and assessment.
- Apply an understanding of diversity in learning to classroom instructional practices.
- Recognize the critical role technology plays in teaching and learning.
- Students may possibly transfer in up to 50% of a completed Curriculum & Instruction MA.
- Must have a valid professional educator license & 2 years lead teaching experience.

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Master’s Capstone Experience:

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Program Objectives

- Promote the success of all students through developing and implementing a shared vision of learning and programs, which support this learning.
- Develop basic skills in management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient and effective learning environment.
- Collaborate with staff, boards, students, families and community members in response to diverse educational and community interests and needs, and mobilizes community resources.
- Demonstrate integrity, fairness and ethical behavior to help in the development of a caring and moral school community.
- Understand and respond to the larger political, social, economic, legal and cultural contexts.
- Candidates must hold a valid and current Illinois Professional Educator License or from another state with a valid and current teaching certificate for that state.
- Candidates must prove successful completion of at least 2 years before the program begins and 4 years total by program completion.

Program Endorsement Requirements

- Hold a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution.
- At entry, a candidate must hold and maintain a valid and current Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) with an endorsement such as early childhood, elementary, secondary, special K-12, special preschool-age 21 or other Illinois approved endorsement, or a candidate may be admitted provisionally if holding a valid, current teaching license from another state. By the end of the second course in the program, the student must hold a valid, Illinois PEL to be fully admitted and continue in the program.
- Successful completion of four years of lead teaching experience. Should the candidate not have four years, then the candidate must show proof of four years teaching experience prior to completion of the program.
- Copy of evidence of a passing score on the Test of Academic Proficiency (formerly called the Illinois Test of Basic Skills) or ACT/SAT equivalent as established by ISBE, or equivalent out of state test accepted by ISBE.
- Successful completion of the application requirements for the CUC Principal Preparation Program.
- Successful completion of the Principal Preparation program coursework.
- Successful completion of the Principal Preparation program yearlong internship at an Illinois ground-based school.
- Successful completion of the PERA Teacher Evaluation training

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Internship Guidelines:

Internship I and II is a two semester, academic-year long, clinical experience at the preK-12 level. Students complete field based experiences that are extensive and intensive in their own school, including administrative shadowing in diverse settings in a school different than their own. Students are supervised by an on-site mentor and university supervisor. The internship is taken for the first full year (Fall and Spring semesters) following completion of concurrent enrollment in courses equal to a minimum of 15 semester hours of credit.

Principal endorsement only vs. Master of Arts in School Leadership with principal endorsement:

1. Candidates who do not hold a Master’s degree enroll in the Master of Arts in School Leadership, Principal Preparation Program.
2. Candidates who hold a Master’s degree may choose between a second Master’s degree with the principal endorsement or just the endorsement only. Course work from a previous Master’s degree may be applied toward the program. Up to 5 courses from the other Master’s degrees or other institutions may be transferred to the Principal Preparation Program at Concordia University. Consult the Office of Graduate Admissions and Enrollment Services for more information.

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Program Objectives

- Think critically, creatively, and analytically in ways that promote meaningful teaching & learning experiences.
- Be able to articulate learning theory, assess students' needs and develop curriculum and instructional strategies to meet those needs.
- Master a variety of cognitive and learning theories, differentiation in the content areas, instructional technology across the curriculum, various instructional approaches and the importance of managing the differentiated learning environment using research-based instructional strategies and data-driven decision making.
- Provides knowledge, skills, and dispositions for students to act as teacher-leaders in planning and implementing differentiated instructional improvements and curricular enhancements as they relate to all students.
- Some coursework may transfer into the SPED or ESL endorsement programs.

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Master's Capstone Experience:

The capstone experience for Differentiated Instruction is the last course, Seminar in Differentiated Instruction. As the capstone course, candidates will demonstrate differentiated teaching instruction in a field setting by designing a unit of study or block of instruction using differentiated strategies. Candidates will then teach the unit to students in an educational setting, analyze student learning gains, and reflect on their implementation of differentiated instruction. Candidates also will demonstrate their proficiency, knowledge and skills by integrating technology as a teaching and learning tool throughout the unit or block on instruction and its implementation.

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*Indicates a course that leads to an Illinois endorsement in Special Education
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Program Objectives

- Strengthen their foundational knowledge of reading and writing processes
- Apply varied instructional practices, methods, and curriculum materials to literacy
- Use assessment to plan and evaluate effective reading instruction
- Create literate environments that foster literacy instruction
- View professional development in reading as a career-long effort
- Must possess a Professional Educator License prior to entering the program.
- Candidates must pass all State of Illinois examinations
- Two years of lead teaching experience required to begin this program

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Master's Capstone Experience:

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Program Objectives

- Identifies the pedagogical strategies and technical skills necessary to use technology to enhance instruction and improve learning outcomes
- Provides an introduction to socio-technical implications of contemporary, online instructional practices
- Provides an understanding of how technology can be used to build learning communities
- Enables each student to qualify for the Technology Specialist Certification for the State of Illinois by entitlement upon successful completion the program.
- Supplies the knowledge of how to use image-rich technology tools and curriculum to enhance instruction
- Gives an understanding of how to use technology for data-driven decision making
- Provides an overview of trends in educational technology
- Offers an understanding of educational technology leadership
- Strengthens the understanding of technical hardware and software issues encompassed within emerging trends of the industry
- Must possess a Professional Educator License prior to entering the program

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Reduced Tuition $165 per month if using financial aid

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Program Objectives

- Understand and apply education theory as it relates to contemporary computer-based instructional practices.
- Deliberate and choose appropriate pedagogical strategies using technology to enhance instruction and improve learning outcomes.
- Recognize, develop, and use image-rich technology tools and curriculum to enhance instruction.
- Differentiate instruction using adaptive/assistive technology.
- Use student achievement data to evaluate instructional practices in a data-driven decision making environment.
- Synthesize technology in professional settings to build learning communities.
- Promote and model digital citizenship and responsibility.
- Recognize, evaluate, and apply trends in educational technology.

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Program Objectives

- Engage in critical analysis of current educational issues and policies
- Develop a knowledge base in curriculum theory and practice and develop a capacity to design, implement and evaluate instructional programs
- Become familiar with current research on and theory in instruction of exceptional learners
- Understand the practical facets of conducting applied classroom research including the collection and assessment of data
- Develop an understanding of teacher leadership and effective teacher advocacy
- Develop an understanding of enduring ethical, philosophical and educational issues

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Teacher Leader Master's w/ Endorsement
Available Format: Online & Face-to-Face

Program Objectives

• Leads to the Illinois Teacher Leader Endorsement
• Designed for those classroom teachers who are interested in increasing their job responsibilities and assuming leadership roles within their schools and districts
• For active teachers who are not interested in becoming a Principal. Rather, graduate candidates aim for leadership roles in a variety of capacities, such as Department Chairs, Instructional Coaches, Curriculum Coordinators, Mentor Teachers, Community Liaisons, in addition to other leadership positions
• Become skilled in building and leading effective teams; including team formation, dynamics, management, and growth
• Develop a sense of their own leadership style, constructed from several leadership models
• Foster the ability to mold and adapt one’s personal leadership style to fit diverse populations, situations, and settings
• Improve instruction through multiple uses of building, district, and student data; research-based instructional models; and collaboration with colleagues
• Process coordinating curriculum at multiple levels: classroom, grade-level, department, building, district, and community
• Serve as a liaison to extend cooperative curriculum building and articulation among schools in the district, region, and state
• Experience curriculum coordination, implementation, and evaluation processes and procedures in a variety of settings
• Serve as a facilitator of change within an educational system and engage in planning and management of tasks to support system change and implement initiatives
• Conceptualize and enact their role as a teacher leader when working with families, colleagues, building and district leadership, school personnel, and the larger school community
• Become self-assured and effective instructional coaches, taking a mentoring/teaming approach to improve classroom instruction for increased student performance
• Must possess a Professional Educator License prior to entering the program

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Program Objectives

• Designed for certified educators who want to pursue a program online with a robust concentration in teaching and learning ESL/ESOL to become an accomplished ESL/ESOL teacher
• Candidates may also choose to receive a graduate certificate in adult TESOL from Concordia University by taking three additional courses to receive skills and knowledge in teaching adult language learners in a variety of contexts and settings
• Provides candidates with research-proven theory and instructional practice in meeting the diverse needs of linguistically and culturally student populations from a variety of backgrounds at varying levels, ages, and competencies in the first language
• Must possess a Professional Educator License prior to entering the program

The graduate certificate in Adult TESOL enables candidates to:

• Acquire essential subject knowledge and familiarity with the principles of effective teaching
• Acquire a range of practical skills for teaching English to adult learners
• Demonstrate their ability to apply their learning in a real teaching context
• Be viable candidates in a variety of ESOL teaching contexts around the world

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+ 9 additional hours of coursework for the graduate certificate in adult TESOL

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Master’s Capstone Experience:

The capstone experience for the MA in ESL is the last course, Seminar in Reflective Practice. In the capstone course, candidates will demonstrate TESL skills, knowledge, and dispositions in a culminating project designed by students to explore real-world problems and challenges and meet the needs of their specific contexts.

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+ indicates a required course for the graduate certificate in adult TESOL

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Program Objectives

- Designed for current educators with content expertise in their respective areas who are interested in teaching and learning in an online environment
- Provides Teachers online pedagogical knowledge, technology skills, and an understanding of the current and future roles of online education in meeting student learning needs in the PK-12 environment
- Be able to articulate the pedagogical underpinnings of online education and develop instructional strategies appropriate to the online student
- Think creatively and critically of ways in which online education can serve to meet the learning needs of students
- Master a variety of technology skills using current information, communication, and learning technologies
- Develop instructional and assessment strategies using research based data-driven decision making to inform instruction
- Envision emerging technology trends and their application in teaching and learning

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$162 per month if using financial aid*
Program Objectives

- Prepares you, the education professional, for work as a change agent in your classroom, school and broader educational arena.
- Developed for the engaged, passionate educator committed to a transformational vision of schooling, this degree equips you with the knowledge base, skill sets and critical perspectives needed for successful practice and advocacy in a variety of educational settings.
- In a political and policy climate that encourages and praises direct instruction methods, skills-based learning and accountability through testing, this program is situated within democratic theories of education and is designed to provide you with the tools to engage in meaningful and creative conversations about the short-term and long-term consequences of today’s climate.

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Total Credit Hours 30

Master’s Capstone Experience:

You will explore teaching as a political practice and be challenged to develop an action plan that emphasizes your role as an agent of change in your professional setting and as an advocate for the students and the community it serves. The class will provide theoretical and philosophical frameworks for reflection on your own beliefs and assumptions as they relate to creating a personal advocacy statement. The statement will include a discussion of the ways in which individuals can create more a democratic, equitable, relevant, and engaging school experience for their students; a discussion of your role as an agent of change within an educational system that often encourages conformity and political passivity; a discussion of the potential ways teachers can and should become advocates for their students, their families and the communities they serve. The class is designed to allow you to synthesize, critique and add to the themes presented throughout the program within the context of your own experience.

The course is designed to allow you to create a personal plan of action that can be carried out after you have completed the program.

NOTE: This is only an introduction of the program. You are responsible to review the Graduate Catalog for program details.

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Program only available in Spring and Fall

Program Objectives

- Designed to deliver outstanding teacher preparation.
- Upon successful completion of degree requirements, candidates are eligible for a Professional Educators License with an Elementary education endorsement from the State of Illinois for Grades 1 through 6.
- The program emphasizes development of core competencies in instructional planning, delivery and assessment and support for diversity in educational settings.
- How to lead a classroom ethically.
- The importance of reflective practice and the role of standards within the profession.
- Development of collaborative relationships to serve the learning of every child.

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General Education Requirements:

Content Area 1 - Communication and Composition
- Course in Advanced Composition
- Course in Public Speaking/Speech-Communication

Content Area 2 - Mathematics
- Course in College Algebra or higher
- Course in College Geometry or higher

Content Area 3 - Natural Sciences (once course must have a lab)
- Course in Life Science
- Course in Physical Science

Content Area 4 - Humanities (9 credit hours made up from two areas)
- Fine or Performing arts
- History, Philosophy, Literature
- 1 Course in American History (Required)

Content Area 5 - Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 semester hours made up from two areas)
- Coursework from Psychology or Sociology
- Coursework from Political Science, Economics or Geography
* Applicants must transfer in one course classified as Non-Western course or area of study. Applicants must have transcripted coursework in an academic major/minor content area common to elementary education curriculum with grades C or higher.

MAT Program Curriculum:

Program entry Courses (9 hours), Perquisites to Professional Courses and admissions to the College of Education. Courses are to be taken concurrently in the first semester of the program.
- EDCU 6150 (3 ch) Foundations of Education
- EDCU 6250 (3 ch) Integrating and Assessing Learning in Diverse Classrooms
- EDCU 6350 (3 ch) Learning, Language Acquisition, and Cognition across Cultures

Upon completion of the Program Entry Courses, Education Studies students must be admitted to the College of Education to continue and enter the MAT Elementary education program as Teacher Candidates before enrolling into the Professional Courses. See “Transition Point One“ in the General Information section of the Graduate Catalog for more information.

The Illinois State Board of Education has defined specific General Education requirements for all Elementary Educators. Candidates for the MAT Elementary program must submit transcripts that document that they have met these general education requirements prior to entering the program.

Block 1 Professional Courses (9 hours) taken concurrently in the same semester
- EDEL 6901 (3 ch) Teaching English Language Arts: Content
- EDEL 6902 (3 ch) Teaching English Language Arts: Methods and Assessment
- EDEL 6290 (3 ch) Characteristics and Instruction of Exceptional Learners

Summer 1 Professional Courses (3 hours)
- EDEL 6906 (3 ch) Teaching Science: Content
- EDEL 6907 (3 ch) Teaching Science: Methods and Assessment
- EDEL 6910 (3 ch) Teaching Social Studies: Content, Methods, and Assessment

Block 2 Professional Courses (9 hours) taken concurrently in the same semester
- EDEL 6914 (3 ch) Teaching Mathematics: Content
- EDEL 6915 (3 ch) Teaching Mathematics: Methods and Assessment
- EDEL 6918 (3 ch) Teaching Physical Education and the Fine Arts: Content, Methods, and Assessment

Summer 2 Professional Courses (3 hours)
- EDUC 6920 (3 ch) Introduction to Research Methodology: Action Research

Student Teaching Internship

The Student Teaching Internship is in an elementary classroom every day during the sixteen-week semester under the guidance of a Cooperating Teacher. The Student Teacher will be supported and evaluated by a University Supervisor. Candidates must meet the requirements for Transition Point Two: Admission to the Student Teaching Internship Semester to begin the internship. Subsequently, candidates must meet the requirements for Transition Point Three: Completion of the Student Teaching Internship Semester. Attendance at schedule edTPA seminars and Colloquium is required. The Student Teaching Internship Semester Handbook provides details and guidelines for meeting the criteria for successful completion of the Internship Semester and the process for obtaining the Illinois Professional Educators License.

Block 3 Professional Courses (9 hours) taken concurrently in the same semester
- EDEL 6914 (3 ch) Teaching Mathematics: Content
- EDEL 6915 (3 ch) Teaching Mathematics: Methods and Assessment
- EDEL 6918 (3 ch) Teaching Physical Education and the Fine Arts: Content, Methods, and Assessment

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Program Objectives

- Designed to prepare qualified professionals for teaching in a high school setting.
- Upon successful completion of degree program, students will be awarded a Master of Arts in Teaching and are eligible to apply through Concordia for a Professional Educator License (PEL) with a Secondary Education Endorsement (grades 6-12 for program completers who are licensed prior to 2018, after 2018 secondary level are 9-12 inclusive.)
- Students who have approved subject area requirements and take two additional courses will be eligible for a middle school endorsement through the State of Illinois for program completers until January 31, 2018 (endorsement must be issued on or before January 31, 2018).

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Prerequisite to Methods Courses- 9 hours
- EDUC- 6435 Introduction to Education
- EDUC- 6045 Theories of Learning and Cognition
- EDUC- 6040 Classroom Teaching Skills

Professional Courses- 21 hours
- EDUC- 6415 Professional Responsibility and Ethics for Teachers
- EDUC- 6425 Psychology and Methods of Teaching and the Exceptional Learner
- EDSC- 6570 Teaching at the Secondary Level
- EDUC- 6445 Introduction to Research for Pre-Service Teachers
- EDSC- 6220 Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools
- Professional Instructional Methods course in the content area:
  - Teaching English: Middle and Secondary Schools
  - Teaching Mathematics: Middle and Secondary Schools
  - Content and Methods for Teaching Physical Education at the Middle and Secondary Levels
  - Teaching Social Sciences: Middle and Secondary Level
  - Teaching Science: Middle and Secondary Schools

Secondary Major
- One Graduate Course in the Secondary Major

Student Teaching Internship Semester- 9 hours
- EDUC- 6060 Classroom Management and Assessment
- Student Teaching Internship course in the content area:
  - EDSC- 6932 Secondary English Student Teaching
  - EDSC- 6933 Secondary Math Student Teaching
  - EDSC- 6934 Secondary Physical Education Student Teaching
  - EDSC- 6935 Secondary Science Student Teaching
  - EDSC- 6936 Secondary Social Studies Student Teaching

Capstone Experience
- Positive Impact Presentation on student learning
- Teacher Performance Assessment [edTPA]- state required portfolio to be submitted and passed prior to licensing.

Clinical Experience (Pre-Professional Hours)
- 100 hours (all pre-professional hours are embedded in the MAT coursework and must be completed prior to student teaching). Each course will describe the number of hours required to be completed in classroom and the nature of the experience that a candidate must complete.

Secondary Education Major Subject Content Endorsement Areas- 32 hours
- English/Language Arts/Speech
- Mathematics
- Science: Biology
- Science: Chemistry
- Physical Education
- Social Sciences

Program only available in Spring and Fall

Reduced Tuition

$221 per month if using financial aid*

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Program Objectives

- Apply learning theory in the development of instructional strategies to meet defined learning outcomes.
- Identify, apply and evaluate instructional design methods and principles in learning systems architectures.
- Effectively manage and lead instructional design project development in a changing environment.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the role of instructional design and technology as it relates to human performance.
- Utilize learning analytics to support data-driven decision making critical to change and improvement.
- Contribute to the improvement of instructional methodologies and development of learning innovations through research.

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Master’s Capstone Experience:

Plan, develop, implement, and evaluate an instructional design for the purpose of enhancing learning. To be taken as the last course (capstone) in the master’s in instructional design degree program.

NOTE: This is only an introduction of the program. You are responsible to review the Graduate Catalog for program details.
Thank you for your interest in Concordia University Chicago’s Cohort programs.

**April 30th, 2018 Tuition Guarantee:**
The special per credit hour cohort tuition is: $477 for Curriculum and Instruction; $495 for Reading; $510 for Principal Preparation Program; $477 for ESL; $477 for Differentiated Instruction; $495 for Educational Technology: Leadership; $495 for Educational Technology: Curriculum and Instruction; $495 for Early Childhood Education; $510 for Teacher Leader; and $495 for Special Education. This rate is guaranteed not to increase over the life of the cohort. In addition, a technology fee of $15 per credit hour ($45 per 3 credit course) will be assessed for the purpose of supporting and enhancing student learning (Concordia e-mail, Blackboard, text notifications). We reserve the right to offer different tuition rates, or change the prices of other programs.

**August 27th, 2018 Tuition Guarantee:**
The special per credit hour cohort tuition after August 27th, 2018 is: $495 for Curriculum and Instruction; $495 for Reading; $510 for Principal Preparation Program; $495 for ESL; $495 for Differentiated Instruction; $495 for Educational Technology: Leadership; $495 for Educational Technology: Curriculum and Instruction; $495 for Early Childhood Education; $510 for Teacher Leader; and $495 for Special Education. This rate is guaranteed not to increase over the life of the cohort. In addition, a technology fee of $15 per credit hour ($45 per 3 credit course) will be assessed for the purpose of supporting and enhancing student learning (Concordia e-mail, Blackboard, text notifications). We reserve the right to offer different tuition rates, or change the prices of other programs.

**Admission Requirements**
- Undergraduate cumulative grade point average of at least 2.85 (on a 4.00 scale) and/or a Masters Degree with at least a 3.00 GPA
- Objective Statement essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official sealed academic transcripts from institutions where degrees were earned

**Once all materials are submitted and your file is complete, the following steps will be taken:**

**NOTE:** Admission to Concordia University Chicago depends on several factors, including: the cumulative GPA, program fit, professional experience, letters of recommendation, and an objective statement (critical writing sample). Students who do not have an undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 2.25 (on a 4.00 scale) will not be considered for admission.

1. Your file will be reviewed by the Graduate Admission Committee.
2. An admission decision will be reached immediately following the committee review, and you will be notified in writing within a few days.

Applicants may enroll in one semester of classes as a “pending” student awaiting an admission decision. Please note that participation and enrollment in the cohort does not guarantee admission to the University. Pending students who are denied admission will not be automatically withdrawn from the class, and will not receive a tuition refund. Pending students are not eligible for financial aid; therefore, please complete the admission process and submit official transcripts by the beginning of the semester for full admission to the graduate cohort program.

**Cohort Information**
Class size is limited to 30 students for face-to-face programs, 18 students for online programs and 18 students for hybrid programs. The Office of Graduate Admission and Enrollment Services will send a letter and a graduate catalog upon receipt of your application, and non-refundable $50.00 application fee. If you have any questions regarding your admission status, please feel free to contact us at:

**Office of Graduate Admission and Student Services**
Phone: 708-209-4093  
Fax: 708-209-3454  
Email: graduate.admission@CUChicago.edu

**International Student Seminar Requirement**
International students pursuing a Master’s degree at Concordia University Chicago are required to take the Seminar in Higher Education in addition to the courses required for their degree program. The Seminar is a 3-credit course taken during the student’s first semester as an enrolled student. This course will serve as an introduction to the U.S. based higher education learning environment. Students will work to develop academic language, graduate level study skills and gain essential support with cultural & institutional acclimatization.

**Other Contacts**

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**NOTE:** Those who intend to apply for financial aid should complete the financial aid process at the same time they apply for admission. Financial aid is available to admitted students (not pending/guest status) and is not retroactive.