

URBAN EDUCATION, M.A.

Principal Preparation Pre-K-12

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The Principal Preparation program is designed to prepare the candidate to be an effective school administrator. Candidates must have at least three years of certified teaching experience. They must submit three evaluation forms in which one must be from the appropriate school leader, documenting the applicant's ability and potential to be an effective principal or assistant principal. Applicants already holding a master's degree may receive the endorsement without pursuing the research option or the pre-requisite research course. However, they will need to complete all other courses. The program offers courses in theory, practice, and research with a primary goal to prepare students to become competent, compassionate, collaborative, and committed leaders in urban environments. All individuals will be required to take the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA), a requirement in Virginia.

Prerequisites:

Certification as a Teacher and 3 years of teaching experience

This program is offered as an accelerated online program designed to be completed in 18 - 24 months.

mental health counseling (naval base program)

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Norfolk State University's Mental Health Counseling Program is designed to train and prepare candidates who plan to pursue careers in community agencies (i.e. community services boards, social service boards, penal institutions, rehabilitation facilities, court services, public/private community agencies). The coursework offered in this degree program will prepare candidates to meet the minimum requirements for national and state licensure. The Masters of Arts degree program requires 60 semester hours of academic credit (no more than 6 credit hours may be transferred from another university) that includes a 600 hour internship experience.

Professional School Counseling

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Norfolk State University's School Counseling Program is designed to prepare candidates in the specialty of professional school counseling. The school counseling courses cover the common core areas of

1. professional counseling orientation and ethical practice,
2. social and cultural diversity,
3. human growth and development,
4. career development,
5. counseling and helping relationships,
6. group counseling and group work,

7. assessment and testing, and
8. research and program evaluation which represents knowledge areas that are fundamental to the counseling profession and essential for candidates seeking careers in school counseling and related educational settings at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

The Master of Arts degree program requires 60 semester hours of academic credit (no more than 6 credit hours may be transferred from another university) and includes a 600-hour internship experience.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPERVISION (online)

The Leadership and Supervision degree program is designed for in-service teachers and/or school staff personnel who wish to be endorsed as curriculum leaders, specialists, and supervisors.

MA in Urban Education in Subject Area Concentrations

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The Master of Arts in Urban Education in subject area concentration is a (36) thirty-six credit hour degree program that serves the needs and interests of teachers in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). This degree program is designed to allow teachers to meet Virginia recertification guidelines in the current content area while earning an advanced degree. Ideal for working educators, this graduate degree program offers 7-week coursework that is totally online.

Candidates will be required to take (15) fifteen graduate credit hours of professional education courses and graduate credit hours in their respective subject concentration area.

For more information regarding the subject-specific courses, applicants should consult with the coordinator or call the office of Secondary Education and School Leadership for a curriculum sheet. The number for that office is (757) 823-2926.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

SESL Academic Good Standing Requirements

The student is responsible for knowing the academic standards of his/her academic unit and of the School of Graduate Studies and Research. Graduate students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale and make satisfactory progress towards degree completion to remain in good academic standing. The Secondary Education and School Leadership Student Handbook states that more than two (2) grades of "B-" are permitted in a student's academic program. A grade of "B-" or below is interpreted as a failing grade and a student will be required to repeat the course.

Students must:

1. Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA;
2. Repeat any required course that they receive a "B-".
3. Students obtaining three (3) grades below a "B-" will be reviewed for academic fit for the program. The outcome of the review will determine continuation in the program.

- Students obtaining two (2) or more incomplete grades ("I"s) will be prohibited from enrolling in courses until the incomplete grades have been removed.

SESL Exit Requirements

Students must:

- Successfully complete course of study;
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Curricula for each concentration is below.

Mental Health Counseling (Naval Base Program)

Code	Title	Credits
Common Counseling Courses		
UED 606	Multicultural Concepts and Perspectives	3
COED 612	Counseling for Human Growth & the Lifespan	3
COED 620	Legal & Ethical Issues in Counseling	3
COED 622	Counseling Theories and Psychotherapy	3
COED 623	Counseling Techniques & Skills	3
COED 632	Group Counseling Theories and Techniques	3
COED 640	Family Systems	3
COED 644	Addiction Counseling	3
COED 645	Testing and Assessment in Counseling	3
COED 650	Diagnosis and Treatment	3
COED 677	Foundations of Career Development & Counseling	3
COED 680	Intro to Counseling Supervision	3
UED 692	Research Methods	3
COED 700	Psychopathology	3
COED 720	Crisis and Trauma Intervention	3
Mental Health Counseling Core Courses		
COED 631C	Introduction Into Professional Counselin	3
COED 630C	Community and Agency Counseling	3
COED 710C	Counseling Practicum I	3
UED 793C	Internship I	3
UED 794C	Internship II	3
Total Credits		60

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING pre-K -12

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Common Counseling Courses		
UED 606	Multicultural Concepts and Perspectives	3
COED 612	Counseling for Human Growth & the Lifespan	3
COED 620	Legal & Ethical Issues in Counseling	3
COED 622	Counseling Theories and Psychotherapy	3
COED 623	Counseling Techniques & Skills	3
COED 632	Group Counseling Theories and Techniques	3
COED 640	Family Systems	3
COED 644	Addiction Counseling	3
COED 645	Testing and Assessment in Counseling	3

COED 650	Diagnosis and Treatment	3
COED 677	Foundations of Career Development & Counseling	3
COED 680	Intro to Counseling Supervision	3
UED 692	Research Methods	3
COED 700	Psychopathology	3
COED 720	Crisis and Trauma Intervention	3
Professional School Counseling Core Courses		
COED 621	Principles of Counseling	3
UED 626	Program Evaluation and Development	3
COED 638	Classroom Management for School Counselors	3
UED 793	Internship (300 hours at elementary, grades PreK-5)	3
UED 794	Internship II (300 hours at secondary, grades 6-12)	3
Total Credits		60

Principal Preparation Pre-K -12 (Offered as an Accelerated Online Program Only)

Summary of Graduation Requirements

Subject Area	Credits
Major Requirements	24
Other Requirements	15
Total Credit Hours	39

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
UED 600	Introduction to Administration and Leadership	3
UED 603	School Leadership Issues and Trends	3
UED 606	Multicultural Concepts and Perspectives	3
UED 630	School and Community Relations	3
UED 637	Curriculum Development and Technology	3
UED 641	Supervision and Evaluation of Instruction	3
UED 681	Pesonnel Management and Staff Development	3
UED 626	Program Evaluation and Development	3
UED 670	School Law	3
UED 671	School Finance	3
UED 692	Research Methods	3
UED 793	Internship	3
UED 794	Internship II	3
Total Credits		39

¹ SLLA exam must be passed prior to internship.

Leadership and supervision (online program)

Summary of Graduation Requirements

Subject Area	Credits
Major Requirements	30
Electives	0
Other Requirements	9
Total Credit Hours	39

Code	Title	Credits
EDU 605	Human Growth and Development	3
UED 617	Organization Behavior in a Multicultural Society	3
UED 630	School and Community Relations	3
UED 637	Curriculum Development and Technology	3
UED 641	Supervision and Evaluation of Instruction	3
UED 670	School Law	3
UED 671	School Finance	3
UED 681	Personnel Management and Staff Development	3
UED 793	Internship	3
UED 794	Internship II	3
Research Component Courses		
UED 691	Research/Writing	3
UED 791	Applied Research I	3
UED 792	Applied Research II	3
Total Credits		39

Ma in Urban Education Subject Area Concentration

Summary of Graduation Requirements

Subject Area	Credits
Core Courses	21
Subject Area Courses	15
Total Credit Hours	36

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
SPE 510	Introduction to Exceptional Individuals	3
UED 600	Introduction to Administration and Leadership	3
UED 606	Multicultural Concepts and Perspectives	3
UED 617	Organization Behavior in a Multicultural Society	3
UED 637	Curriculum Development and Technology	3
UED 670	School Law	3
UED 692	Research Methods	3

Subject Area Courses

Fine Arts

Code	Title	Credits
FIA 513	Computer Graphics	3
FIA 514	Fine Arts Methods	3
FIA 515	Fine Arts Units	3
FIA 599	Graduate Seminar Art Education	3
FIA XXX	Restricted Elective	3
Total Credits		15

Biology

Code	Title	Credits
BIO 501	History of Biological Concepts	3
BIO 502	Modern Biology	3
BIO 510	Experience Biology	3
BIO 520	Special Problems in Biology	3

BIO XXX	Restricted Elective	3
Total Credits		15

Chemistry

Code	Title	Credits
CHM 521	Chemical Demonstration	3
CHM 531	Biochemistry	3
CHM 532	Biochemistry	3
CHM 581	Special Topics	3
CHM XXX	Restricted Elective	3
Total Credits		15

English (Offered as an Accelerated Online Program Only)

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 519	Contemporary American English Grammar	3
ENG 560	Assessment and Evaluation of Writing	3
ENG 648	Language and Culture	3
ENG 654	Professional Writing	3
ENG XXX	Restricted Elective	3
Total Credits		15

History

Code	Title	Credits
HIS 516	America and the Rise of a City	3
HIS 610	Topics Urban Hist	3
GEO 510	Urban Geography	3
UAF 611	Urban Problems in Contemporary America	3
HIS XXX	Restricted Elective	3
Total Credits		15

Mathematics (Offered as an Accelerated Online Program Only)

Code	Title	Credits
MTH 500	Advanced Geometry	3
MTH 510	Discrete Mathematics	3
MTH 520	Mathematical logical and Set theory	3
MTH 530	Mathematical Models and Applications	3
MTH XXX	Restricted Elective	3
Total Credits		15

Music

Code	Title	Credits
MUS 650	Choral Techniques	3
or MUS 651	Band Management	
MUS 680	History and Philosophy of Music Education	3
MUS 681	Current Trends in Music Education	3
MUS 682	Administration and Supervision in Music Education	3
MUS XXX	Restricted Elective	3
Total Credits		15

Mathematics Specialist

The Mathematics Specialist concentration focuses on leadership and mathematics instructional delivery including best practices. It requires

nine (9) credits of Educational Leadership courses for a total of 39 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
MTH 500L	Geometry and the Middle School Teacher	3
MTH 500S	Probability and Statistics	3
MTH 501J	Numbr syst & oper	3
MTH 501K	Alg & functions mid sch teache	3
MTH 501L	Rational Numbers & Proportional Reasoning	3
EED 551	Education Leadership I	3
EED 552	Education Leadership II	3
EED 553	Educational Leadership III	3
UED 617	Organization Behavior in a Multicultural Society	3
UED 637	Curriculum Development and Technology	3
UED 691	Research/Writing	3
UED 791	Applied Research I	3
UED 792	Applied Research II	3
Total Credits		39

Admissions Requirements

For admission to any of the degree or non-degree-seeking programs in the Department of Secondary Education and School Leadership, each applicant should apply online at www.nsu.edu (<http://www.nsu.edu>) and include the following:

1. Graduate application
2. An official transcript for each regionally accredited college or university attended
3. Three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a current principal.
4. An active teaching license (**only for Teacher Education in Subject Area Concentration, Principal Preparation and Curriculum Development and Supervision Program candidates**).
5. Three (3) years of teaching experience (**only for Principal Preparation and Curriculum Development and Supervision Program candidates**).
6. A personal statement.
7. An interview is required for applicants to the Mental Health and School Counseling concentrations.
8. All candidates must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
9. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 for the last 60 credit hours of undergraduate work and a cumulative GPA between 2.50 – 3.0 (depending on the degree sought)
10. A non-refundable application processing fee.

Transfer Credit

Students who are admitted with prior graduate study may transfer a maximum of six credit hours or the equivalent in quarter credit hours. Those courses submitted for transfer must have a grade of “B” (3.0) or better, must have similar course descriptions as those offered in the curriculum, and must be no more than four years old. Students wishing to receive transfer credits must do so within the first semester following acceptance. Requests submitted after the first semester may not be accepted.

Background Verification

If admitted, a current criminal background check is required. Please understand that you may have difficulty receiving an additional endorsement to your education license in the Commonwealth of Virginia if you have been convicted of any felony. If anytime during the duration of your graduate program you receive a criminal charge or proceedings pending against you, you must notify your advisor and the department chair immediately.