

Code: 8373 (131004-01) MASTER OF EDUCATION

UL Lafayette's M.Ed. program in Education of the Gifted is designed for dedicated elementary and secondary teachers who wish to specialize in the education of gifted students. Graduates are qualified for state certification to teach the academically gifted at the level(s) and in the subject(s) for which they hold regular certification, as well as in enrichment programs or classes at all levels.

The program provides a broad scope of experiences designed to produce graduates who understand the unique needs of gifted students and possess the necessary skills and strategies for meeting these needs. The program's conceptualization is based on the *LEADERSHIP TRAINING MODEL*, which defines four areas essential for effective leadership: *Cognition, Problem Solving, Interpersonal Communication, and Decision Making*. Toward this end, all courses and experiences are designed to produce educators with the ability to develop effective leadership skills in gifted students. In addition to professional course work, the curriculum requires advanced studies in the candidate's certification area or in educational technology. A major goal of the program is to build competency in the design and use of qualitatively differentiated curricula and a repertoire of strategies appropriate for challenging the abilities of gifted students from diverse populations.

Course Requirements:

Core: EDFL 501 Educational Research
EDFL 502 Philosophies of Education

Major: EDCI 506 (Formerly 474G) Nature and Needs of the Gifted
SPED 500 Social-Emotional Needs of the Gifted
SPED 503 (Formerly 475G) Developing Creativity in the Classroom
SPED 509 Instructional Strategies for Teaching the Gifted
SPED 510 Curriculum Development for the Gifted
SPED 513 Practicum in Gifted Education *
or 591 Internship in Gifted Education*

Minor: 9 semester hours of approved graduate work in one or more content areas in the area of basic certification **or** in instructional technology **

TOTAL: 33 hours

* SPED 513 is recommended for elementary and middle school enrichment teachers. Candidates preparing to teach academic subjects in middle school or secondary gifted classrooms are encouraged to take SPED 591. Both courses must be scheduled for six hours of credit, although only three of these hours will apply toward the degree.

** A minor in educational technology (IRED) is strongly encouraged for persons pursuing the master's degree in gifted education.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT:

A student must satisfy residence requirements by successfully completing a minimum of 18 semester hours of degree program credit on the UL Lafayette campus.

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