

# Education - Master's

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## Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**  
March 15 for summer and fall admission; October 15 for spring admission.
- **Credential Offered:**  
M.Ed.; M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**  
TOEFL iBT 88, IELTS 6.5, Duolingo 110

## Admission Requirements

Qualified students may apply for admission to graduate programs in the School of Education leading to Master of Education (M.Ed.) or Master of Science (M.S.) degrees.

Admission is considered only after all required application materials have been received and reviewed. Where appropriate, all international student requirements must be met.

Admission decisions are based upon the predicted success of the applicant as a student and professional in the chosen field and are made only after considering all available data. A student must meet all requirements for full admission.

In addition to the Graduate School's required application materials, the **Teacher Licensure Option** requires:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree in a content area related to a teaching major offered at NDSU, including the following: biology, chemistry, earth science, English, French, health, history, mathematics, music, physics, or Spanish. If you hold a different major, consult with program faculty for additional information.
2. Compose a 400-500 word original essay that answers the following questions:
  - a. What are your reasons for applying to the Teacher Licensure program?
  - b. How do your 20 hours working with youth support your decision to apply to the Teacher Licensure program?
3. Pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills exam, meeting ND cut scores in reading, writing and math.
4. Complete 20 hours working with youth. Verification forms are provided in the application system.

In addition to the Graduate School's required application materials, the **Content Focused Options and Curriculum & Instruction** requires:

Submission of a statement of career goals consistent with the five propositions of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) (<http://www.nbpts.org/>), as well as reasons for applying to the program. The School of Education reserves the right to obtain additional information about the student's professional competence from qualified professionals.

In addition to the Graduate School's required application materials, the **Whole Child Option** requires:

- A statement of experiences and goals using the Components of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) as the framework (<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/wscs/components.htm>). The statement should:
  1. Be a 500-700 word original essay
  2. Explicitly connect your experiences and career goals to the WSCC components
  3. Explain how NDSU's Education Master's program with a focus in *Whole Child Approaches* will help you achieve your career goals

## Financial Assistance

Graduate assistantships may be available in the School of Education. Applications are considered on the basis of scholarship, potential to undertake advanced study and research, and financial need. Students must be accepted into the Graduate School before they are eligible for an assistantship.