The Department of Curriculum & Instruction in the College of Education is devoted to the preparation of teachers and teacher leaders for the public schools; directors of curriculum and instruction; subject matter specialists; teacher educators and professional development specialists; and, college professors and professors of curriculum and instruction. The College of Education is NCATE (http://www.ncate.org), now CAEP (caepnet.org (http://www.caepnet.org)) and accredited by New Mexico Public Education Department http://www.ped.state.nm.us/ped/index.html.

Master of Arts in Education (for licensed PK-12 teachers)

Minimum credits differ between program concentrations. Please consult the program handbook or the department for specifics.

Degree Concentration Areas

- Curriculum & Instruction
- Bilingual Education
- Educational Learning Technologies
- Language, Literacy & Culture (Reading)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Early Childhood Education (online only)

Optional Endorsements for existing teaching licenses:

- Bilingual
- Technology Coordinator
- Reading
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Master of Arts in Education Plus Licensure Concurrently – Students can earn a teaching license in the areas of elementary education and secondary education while earning a Master of Arts in Education degree.

Remember You cannot teach in the public schools without seeking licensure and you cannot seek an endorsement without first obtaining a teaching license.

Master of Arts in Education (Non-Licensure)

Students can select a Master of Arts in Education (non-licensure) in one of the following concentration areas:

- Curriculum & Instruction
- Bilingual Education
- Educational Learning Technologies
- Early Childhood Education;
- Language, Literacy & Culture (Reading); or,
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

Students completing the following programs will not be licensed to teach PreK-12 in the State of New Mexico, nor will completion of these degree programs automatically result in a teaching field endorsement.

The Master’s Degree Core – 15 (credit hours)

The faculty in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction has worked over the years to revise and update the core courses in the department to provide a strong foundation in curriculum and instruction (pedagogy) for all students studying in our master’s programs. The core courses are as follows:

**Curriculum and Instruction Core**

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Total Credits 15

¹ This course is the final core course that students are required to take. EDUC 515, 516, 518 and 519 are prerequisites to taking EDUC 520.

(Please see the Graduate Catalog for complete course descriptions: http://catalog.nmsu.edu/)

**Checklist for the Master of Arts Program**

1. **Apply** through NMSU Graduate Student Services for admission to the department (http://prospective.nmsu.edu/graduate/apply/index.html). "Department of Curriculum & Instruction" and the degree program/concentration/program desired;

2. **After** you receive an acceptance letter from the Department of Curriculum & Instruction, contact your faculty advisor within the first semester of enrollment (a listing of the C&I faculty and their contact information can be located on the C&I Website: http://education.nmsu.edu/ci/faculty.html);

3. **Join the C&I MA Student List-serv.** at the following website, and follow the directions: https://mailman.nmsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/candima. It is important to regularly check your NMSU e-mail; the university sends important communications to you through that account. Also check the Department of Curriculum & Instruction Masters Website for important announcements and activities;

4. **Contact** your advisor to complete the Preliminary Program Plan (available at the end of this handbook) and submit the plan to the Department of Curriculum & Instruction. Find the form at: http://education.nmsu.edu/ci/faculty.html;

5. **Complete the Program of Study and a STAR audit** (After you have completed 12 credit hours) and make an appointment with your advisor to approve and sign the form. It must be filed with the Department of Curriculum & Instruction. Find the form at: http://prospective.nmsu.edu/graduate/forms/index.html

6. **File the Application for Degree form** during the registration period of your final semester (http://www.nmsu.edu/~registra/degree-app/);

7. **Apply** to take the written Master’s Comprehensive Examination early in the last semester of your coursework. The MA exam usually occurs on the second Friday of October and the second Friday of March. Announcements regarding registration, the preparation session, and the exam will be on the C&I MA Website, the MA list-serv, and in the College of Education;

8. **Complete** the Final Examination paperwork; and,

9. **Study** for the Final Written Examination to be successful on your exam.
Complete Department of Curriculum and Instruction Information is located at: http://ci.nmsu.edu (https://ci.nmsu.edu)

Complete NMSU Graduate School Information is available on-line (http://gradschool.nmsu.edu)