

## Curriculum and Instruction M.Ed. Program

### FAQ sheet

- Candidates are certified teachers with one year or more of teaching experience in the field.
- The M.Ed. is 48-credit master's degree with 29 credits in an area of emphasis along with advanced Curriculum, Supervision, & Educational Leadership (formerly known as Educational Foundations and Curriculum) course work.
- All CSEL M.Ed. courses are fully online. You may identify a CSEL course with such prefixes as EDCS, EDF, and EDLM.
- *Areas of Emphasis* courses outside of Curriculum, Supervision, & Educational Leadership (CSEL) may not be offered online. Candidates must directly contact a department to find out if that department's graduate course offerings are online or not.
- You may make progress toward new endorsements as part of your Course of Study, such as Library Media and TESL.

### Most frequently asked questions in the first year-

✓ When will I get an advisor?

You will receive an initial advisor when you are admitted into the program. Please keep in mind that your initial advisor doesn't necessarily mean they will become your committee chair. Your advisor may help you with your Course of Study.

✓ How many credits can I take per quarter?

We recommend 2-3 courses per quarter. CSEL always offers 2 per quarter. Thesis credits are taken the last 3 quarters of the program.

It is worth noting that regarding your thesis or project, the thesis or project is above and beyond their coursework and it involves a significant amount of independent research and writing, under the direction of a Committee Chair.

✓ What courses are mandatory?

EDF 510 Educational Research & Development, EDF 507 Studies and Problems in Intercultural Education, and EDF 700 (thesis) are the only mandatory courses in the M.Ed.

Also, it is recommended to take EDF 510 in your first year. The course is offered in Winter and Summer only.

✓ Can I take only CSEL courses?

Yes, you can obtain a M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction by completing 48 credits of courses offered from CSEL.

✓ When and how do I complete a Course of Study?

The form is on the CSEL M.Ed. webpage and in the handbook. The Course of Study form should be completed by the time students have completed 18 credits. It is not final,

but a plan. Thesis credits must be listed in the last 3 quarters of the program. We encourage candidates to complete a few quarters before completing this form.

✓ *Is there financial aid?*

Yes. I provide candidates with a URL to the CWU financial aid department in their initial inquiry letter. Information regarding departmental scholarships is in the handbook and we send out emails to every M.Ed. candidate when the dates for submission are open.

✓ *How do I select a research topic?*

Your interests may evolve during your first year. You may gain further clarity on your research topic when you take EDF 510 Educational Research & Development course.

✓ *How do I select a committee chair?*

Once you have developed a topic of interest in which to become a master, (generally after EDF 510 Educational Research & Development) coordinate with your advisor potential professors in the CSEL department to form your committee and select a chair.