CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY

College of Education and Leadership

DEGREE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:
MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING & MASTER OF ARTS IN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

After candidates have completed student teaching and have secured a classroom teaching position, they can complete the Master of Arts in Teaching or Master of Arts in Inclusive Education degree with the following eight-credit sequence of courses:

CED 549 Technology Based Research Statistics, 3 credits
EDM 624 Research Methodology, 3 credits
EDM 634 Action Research Application, 2 credits

Students must complete all degree requirements within 7 years (the 7-year time frame begins with the first MAT/MAIE course taken for certification). Students can apply for an extension of the 7-year rule.

Course descriptions are as follows:

CED 549 Technology-Based Research Statistics **3 cr**.
This course will help educators to read, understand and evaluate research. They will acquire knowledge of basic research design and guidelines for judging research quality. The course will provide an introduction to basic descriptive and inferential statistics. The emphasis will be on the roles such procedures play in interpreting research and the possible application of these procedures to the educational environment. Technology will be used to develop understanding of these statistics. Offered in both on-line and face-to-face formats.
Pre-requisite: teacher certification and teaching job
Offered all semesters (Fall, Spring and Summer)

EDM 624 Research Methodology **3 cr.**
This course provides an introduction to reading scholarly research and research design in general. Students will learn to identify, analyze and summarize scholarly research. Students will also develop and conduct an initial literature review and proposal plan for the action research project associated with EDM 634. This action research project will serve as the foundation for the Master's thesis. This is an on-line class.
Pre-requisite: CED 549
Offered Fall and Spring semesters

EDM 634 Action Research Application **2 cr**.
Action Research is an opportunity to engage in classroom action research. Action research is defined as working in an authentic educational context with an authentic task that is both implemented and evaluated. The purpose of this course is to refine students' problem-solving abilities while providing hands-on experience in classrooms and schools. Students will present their Master's thesis. This is an on-line class.
Pre-requisite: EDM 624; IRB approval
Offered Fall and Spring semesters

Successful completion of the above sequence will allow students to graduate with their Master of Arts in Teaching or Master of Arts in Inclusive Education degree in either December or May.

Items to note:

- Course schedules are available at http://www.stritch.edu/schedules/ . To register for a course, student should contact the MAT/MAIE program advisor, Kim Wood, at kawood@stritch.edu with their current address, phone and email information. She will process the registration and send an email confirmation of the registration.

- Tuition for the MAT/MAIE completion sequence is charged at the current graduate tuition rate; this may be different from the cohort tuition rate that was charged during certification portion of the program. Tuition and fee information can be found here .

- Financial aid regulations require that graduate students take a minimum of 4 credits per term to qualify for aid (Stafford Loans). Since candidates are enrolled in fewer than 4 credits per semester, Stafford Loans are not available for these courses. Contact the Financial Aid Office for information regarding other loan options. Additionally, payment plan information can be found on our website http://www.stritch.edu/paymentoptions/

- Students who are employed at least half time as a teacher in a Catholic school in Wisconsin may qualify for the Catholic Educator's discount. Please contact the University Business Office at 414-410-4232 for more information.

- Students should check with their district regarding its policy for on-line classes.

- Students have 7 years to complete all master's degree requirements. The seven year limit is calculated based on the semester that a student started the MAT/MAIE program. Many MAT/MAIE students are unable to meet the 7 Year Time Limit due to a variety of circumstances. An extension can be requested. Students should contact check with the MAT/MAIE advisor with questions about the 7 Year Time Limit.

- The master's completion courses are offered on-line and federal regulations now require institutions to be approved in every state where an on-line course is offered. Stritch is approved to offer on-line courses to students who live in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota. For students who live in another state, alternative options for completing the degree are available. Please contact the MAT/MAIE advisor for information about these options.