ASU’s Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College is one of the top-ranked graduate colleges of education in the U.S. Graduate programs develop collaborative leaders who bring people and ideas together to enrich the lives of learners, amplify the impact of educators, and improve the performance of education systems.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Education
The MA program in education is designed for certified teachers and other professionals working in education, and can be completed in as few as 16 months. Students in the program customize their coursework in order to meet their professional goals for working with children, youth or adults in nonprofit settings, community institutions, civic organizations and businesses. The degree program provides a foundation for students to shape society by supporting educational endeavors. It also helps students develop skills for effective communication, collaboration, leadership, advocacy and innovation, all of which are essential to education professionals.

Students in this program can customize their coursework by choosing two areas of focus. They then get to choose elective courses, from among more than 40 options, that are aligned with the two focus areas. Focus areas may include:

- applied behavior analysis
- autism spectrum disorders
- early childhood education
- educating multilingual learners
- gifted education
- global education
- learning design and technologies
At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** online

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (EDU 593), or
30 credit hours including the required applied project course (EDU 593) - Mandarin Pathway

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**
COE 501 Introduction to Research and Evaluation in Education (3)

**Electives (24 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
EDU 593 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
The program is designed to be flexible and personalized to meet the interests of the learner. Students should see the academic unit for a list of electives to choose from as they explore focal areas of greatest interest.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three letters of recommendation
4. written statement
5. proof of English proficiency
Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

The letters of recommendation should be from individuals who can speak to the applicant's potential for success in a graduate program, and the personal statement should describe the applicant's interests and reason for seeking this degree.

GRE scores are not required for admission.

Applicants must provide a written statement of approximately 500 words that describes their personal interest in the field of education, the goals they wish to achieve while in the program, and their short- and long-term career aspirations. The admission committee pays particular attention to the quality of writing, the ideas expressed, and the relative match between the applicant and program goals.

Attend Online
ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Career Opportunities
Students gain skills in effective communication, collaboration, leadership, advocacy and innovation, all of which are essential to education professionals in a variety of careers. Graduates of the program are prepared to change the face of learning throughout society.

Career examples include:

- behavior specialist
- curriculum designer
- education program manager
- education subject matter expert
- instructional designer
- team lead (K-12 schools)

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