

Education and Innovation (MA)

This program is offered by the School of Education. It is available online, at the St. Louis home campus and at select U.S. and international campuses. Please see the Campus Locations and Offerings section of this catalog for a list of campuses where this program is offered.

Program Description

Webster University's master of arts (MA) in education and innovation aims to develop knowledge, skills and creative competencies in educational design and innovation. The program serves community, business and organizational leaders, trainers, educators and other professionals in the public, private and voluntary (not-for-profit) sectors. The program bridges the online or on-campus learning environment and the workplace by cultivating personal transformative learning and professional efficacy. Students develop teamwork and collaboration skills for real-world problem-solving, high-impact instruction and change process management. The program stresses experiential learning designs and technology transfer. Participants in this program learn to foster a "culture of innovation" in multi-faceted learning environments, workplaces and community contexts.

The MA in education and innovation embraces Webster University's mission "to transform students for global citizenship and individual excellence."

The program is available with online courses, or with on-campus and field/travel-based formats.

Learning Outcomes

Candidates completing the MA in education and innovation will be able to:

- GOAL 1: Promote, inspire and cultivate creativity and innovative thinking for learning, service and leadership.
- GOAL 2: Practice instructional methods and technologies for transformative learning, interdisciplinary problem-solving and planet-sustainable solutions to local and global issues.
- GOAL 3: Develop competencies as design team leaders and learning facilitators.
- GOAL 4: Engage in lifelong learning for continuous improvement in professional practice and collaborative leadership.

Summary of Assessment Plan

The assessment plan for the MA in education and innovation will include key assessment of knowledge and competencies in four topical areas, including (a) theory and foundations, (b) methodologies and technologies in design and innovation, (c) instruction and leadership for innovation and (d) evaluation and research. The MA in education and innovation program assessment principles are drawn from recommendations of the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (U.S. Department of Commerce, 2013). Requisite Competencies are assessed in one course in each of the topical areas. An overall program competencies review is included in the capstone course (EDIN 6001 Integrated Studies: Education and Innovation).

Requirements

Core Courses (15 hours)

- EDIN 5001 Foundations of Global Citizenship (3 hours)
- EDIN 5180 Creativity and Innovation (3 hours)
- EDIN 5630 Creative Multimedia Design for Innovative Learning (3 hours)
- EDIN 5624 Transformative Learning (3 hours)

- EDIN 5650 Design Thinking (3 hours)

Electives (15 hours)

Elective courses may include: program-relevant courses such as those listed below, advisor-approved graduate courses pertinent to the student's program of study or coursework applicable to graduate certificate programs in related fields. Up to 9 hours of approved transfer graduate courses from other universities or in-service courses may be included in the program.

Examples of relevant elective courses:

- EDIN 5110 Digital Storytelling (3 hours)
- EDIN 5120 Instructional Development (3 hours)
- EDIN 5130 Foundations of Workplace Learning (3 hours)
- EDIN 5140 Evaluation of Training Programs (3 hours)
- EDIN 5190 Leadership and Innovation (3 hours)
- EDIN 5622 Restorative Justice: Learning Communities (3 hours)
- EDIN 5620 Mindfulness (3 hours)
- EDIN 5750 Special Institute (1-3 hours)
- EDIN 5840 Innovations in Learning Systems: Global Perspectives (3 hours)
- EFGS 5000 Foundations of Global Sustainability (3 hours)
- EFGS 5410 In-Service Topics: Sustainability Institute for Educators (3 hours)
- EFGS 5740 Economics: Choices and Challenges (3 hours)

Capstone or Thesis (3-6 hours)

- EDIN 6001 Integrated Studies: Education and Innovation (for Non Thesis Track) (3 hours)
- OR
- EDIN 6250 Thesis (for Thesis Track) (3-6 hours)

Total: 33 credit hours for Non-Thesis Track; 36 credit hours for Thesis Track

Admission

See the Admission section of this catalog for general admission requirements. Students interested in applying must submit their application online at www.webster.edu/apply. Transcripts should be sent from your institution electronically to transcripts@webster.edu. If this service is not available, send transcripts to:

Office of Admission
Webster University
470 E. Lockwood Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63119

Additional Requirements

Requirements for admission to the MA in education and innovation program include:

- Receipt of all official transcripts.
- Final degree conferred GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Advancement to Candidacy

Students are admitted to their graduate program upon completion of all admission requirements. Students are advanced to candidacy status after successfully completing 12 credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. In specialized programs, courses required as prerequisites to the program do not count toward the 12 credit hours required for advancement.