



Dear Applicant for the Secondary Master of Education Degree:

Thank you for your interest in pursuing a Master of Education Degree (M.Ed.) at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFASU). This degree is an exciting and innovative graduate program that prepares teachers for leadership positions in the secondary school setting. By exploring the roles of teacher as researcher, teacher as scholar-practitioner, and teacher as educational leader, the Master's Program cultivates a learning community of faculty and students through dialogue and critical inquiry.

Teachers who earn this degree will be prepared to work in schools as instructional specialists with an enhanced understanding of learning and leadership theory, systems design, and teaching with technology. The learning outcomes of this 36 hour graduate degree program are based on the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education professional standards. Thesis and non-thesis options are available.

While graduate programs can be designed to meet students' individual needs, most students choose one of the following three plans:

#### **M.Ed. with Teacher Certification**

This program is designed for students who have earned an undergraduate degree but are not certified to teach. In addition to courses that explore educational research, curriculum, and instructional design, students receive certification through the department's Post-Baccalaureate Initial Certification (PBIC) program.

#### **M.Ed. in Secondary Education and Pedagogy**

This program is designed for experienced teachers who wish to further their education and improve their teaching practice. Students take courses that cover the following topics: 1) educational research and research methodology, 2) cultural foundations of education, 3) curriculum practice and theory, and 4) instruction and learning.

#### **M.Ed. with Content Area Minor**

This 36 hour program includes 18 hours in secondary education and 18 hours in the student's chosen teaching field. The degree is aimed at students that wish to teach at a community college, but could also be appropriate for high school teachers.

Interested applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be accepted into the M.Ed. Program:

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 and a grade-point average of 2.8 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework (on a 4.0 scale)
- Minimum composite score of 700 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within last five years.

For a complete description of the program and coursework, please refer to the Graduate Bulletin. If you are interested in applying to this program, please complete the following:

1. Apply to the Graduate School. (please visit <http://www2.sfasu.edu/graduate/> for more information)
2. Take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and submit scores to the Graduate School. You may call Counseling and Career Services (936-468-2401) to set up an appointment to take the GRE on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University, or contact the GRE Registration Center at 1-800-473-2255, or <http://www.gre.org>, for appointments at sites other than Stephen F. Austin State University. To expedite the admission process, at the end of the GRE testing session, record your GRE score and self-report your score (verbal and quantitative) to your advisor or the program coordinator.
3. Apply to the Master of Education Degree at SFASU by completing and submitting the attached application form to Dr. Seaman

\*All materials must be submitted by *March 15* for full acceptance for **summer semester**.

\*All materials must be submitted by *July 15* for full acceptance for **fall semester**.

\*All materials must be submitted by *October 15* for full acceptance for **spring semester**.

If you need additional information, further assistance, or wish to make an appointment for graduate advising, please contact Carrie Williams, at either (936) 468-6478, or [williamscs1@sfasu.edu](mailto:williamscs1@sfasu.edu).

Thank you for interest in pursuing your graduate studies in the M.Ed. program at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Sincerely,

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**Stephen F. Austin State University  
Department of Secondary Education and Educational Leadership**

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE  
SECONDARY MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAM**

**Applicant Information:**

_____ LAST NAME	_____ FIRST NAME	_____ MI	_____ STUDENT ID #
_____ HOME ADDRESS			_____ CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
_____ PREFERRED E-MAIL ADDRESS			(_____) _____ PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER
_____ EMPLOYING DISTRICT & CAMPUS (IF NOT TEACHING, LIST EMPLOYER)			(_____) _____ WORK PHONE

Content area \_\_\_\_\_ Currently certified to teach in Texas?  Yes  No

When do you plan to begin the program? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
*Semester Year*

Which degree are you interested in pursuing?

- M.Ed. with Teacher Certification (PBIC)
- M.Ed. in Secondary Education and Pedagogy
- M.Ed. with Content Area Minor (18/18)