GRADUATE CERTIFICATES
FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Teachers instructing concurrent enrollment (dual credit) courses are now required by the Higher Learning Commission, the accrediting body for post-secondary educational institutions, to have a master’s degree or 18 credits in the subject matter they are teaching. This important change will ensure teachers are adequately qualified to teach college courses taught in the high schools.

Minnesota State University, Mankato has designed 18-credit programs for both secondary-school teachers and community college instructors who would like to further their professional development, give licensed teachers the proper credential for teaching concurrent enrollment courses, or earn the first credits toward an eventual master’s degree.

► COURSES ARE COMPLETELY ONLINE. FINISH IN TWO YEARS. ◄

► HISTORY

This program is designed for history and social studies teachers and will prepare you for teaching college-level courses prescribed by the Higher Learning Commission (18 credits), and includes four, 4-credit 500-level courses and a 2-credit capstone where teachers design lesson plans and student projects gained from the courses for inclusion in their own history curriculum.

► GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

This certificate is designed for teachers of psychology at the high school level who need graduate-level coursework in psychology to further their knowledge of the discipline and/or to meet post-secondary faculty qualifications.

This certificate provides a broad exposure to the major areas of psychology, as well as opportunities to apply psychological science to real-world issues. The courses emphasize scientific literacy and understanding psychology as a science, enhance communication skills, cover a range of psychological content and theories, and encourage critical thinking about these theories and ideas. Students in this certificate program will also complete a capstone portfolio demonstrating how they have applied the course content to their own teaching, developing lesson plans, learning activities, and assessments.
The Master of Science in Teaching and Learning program is available to all teachers who wish to broaden their knowledge base, enhance their classroom performance and better serve the needs of learners. This program is also designed to provide practicing teachers with the flexibility to custom design a master's degree of their choice, choosing from a combination of options and the research core. Courses are presented online through the university course management system.

### COMMON CORE
- KSP 609 (or its equivalent is a prerequisite for KSP 610)
- KSP 610: Scholarly Writing (3)
- KSP 640: Assessment for Learning (3)
- KSP 665: Professional Teacher, Leader, Scholar (3)

### RESEARCH/ METHODS COURSE(S)
- KSP 609: Research Methods (3)

### CAPSTONE COURSE
- KSP: Alternate Plan Paper, Creative Projects, Written Comps. or Thesis
- HIST: History Portfolio
- Psyc: Portfolio

### CHOOSE ONE AREA OF SPECIALIZATION:

#### EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION
- Choose 21 Credit(s). A total of 34 credits is required for the degree with the Education Specialization.
- Certificates:
  - Learning Community and Leadership
  - Data Inform Decision Making-Improve Student Learning
  - Education Technology in the Classroom
  - Culturally Responsive Teaching

#### HISTORY SPECIALIZATION
- A total of 36 credits is required for the degree with the History Specialization.
- Education Electives: Choose 6 Credit(s).
- History Electives: Choose 16 Credit(s) or Complete the 16-credits of electives in the History graduate certificate program.

#### PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIZATION
- A total of 36 credits is required for the degree with the Psychology Specialization.
- Education Electives: Choose 6 Credit(s).
- Psychology Electives: Complete the 16-credits of electives in the psychology graduate certificate program.

### HOW TO APPLY
To apply, prospective students should submit the online application via the College of Graduate Studies. Applications should include a copy of the student's transcript.

### QUESTIONS & MORE INFORMATION:
Contact the person below for more information on your area of interest

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