Purpose of Program

In the Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) concentration, students work in a context that nurtures interdisciplinary learners who have an understanding of engagement in curriculum and instruction theory, research, practice, policy and critical issues. The program stresses both curricular innovation and teaching excellence while expanding students’ knowledge of content fields and applied research. This concentration is open to educators of all levels and subject areas, offering the flexibility to gain deeper knowledge in a number of emphasis areas.

Program Options

This program may be completed in 33 (thesis) or 36 (non-thesis) semester hours.

Required C&I Courses:

- C&I 5003 Theory of Curriculum & Instruction
- C&I 5013 Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (recommended first course)
- C&I 6103 Research in Action
- C&I 6673 Policy and Critical Issues in Teaching

Students must also complete support courses that can fulfill a C&I emphasis area or in specific content areas and academic disciplines that support the emphasis area (such as mathematics or science education). Faculty advisors will assist in the selection of appropriate courses based on interests and needs of the student.

Students are required to submit a comprehensive portfolio in their final semester. The portfolio is a collection of artifacts, reflections, and other information created by each student and succinctly reflects the student’s professional and scholarly growth. The portfolio describes specific accomplishments and subsequent applications of knowledge gained, and applied, in practical settings.

Career Opportunities

The C&I concentration supports educators at all points of their careers and at all levels of learning, from early childhood through adult education. The program prepares curriculum coordinators and specialists for their roles in schools or training development settings and also provides a foundation for administrators in their roles as curriculum leaders. Graduates are marketable in a variety of after-school programs, non-profit organizations, museums, textbook publishing companies and education testing organizations.

I entered my department seeking a degree in Curriculum and Instruction. With the help of supportive and knowledgeable professors, I walked away with far more than a degree. Not only did I become a better educator, I also became a more well-rounded and open-minded person.

– Kim Chen, Graduate Student
Admission Requirements

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited university with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in last 60 hours coursework
- Be in good standing with the last institution attended
- Completion of 18 undergraduate credit hours in education or related field (including 12 upper-division level hours)**

** Applicants without adequate undergraduate hours in education may be required to complete background courses as a condition of admission. If assigned, these are required in addition to the minimum number of hours for the degree.

How to Apply

Apply through the UTSA Graduate School

graduate.school.utsa.edu

Send all USPS mail (transcripts, etc.) to:

The University of Texas at San Antonio
Attention: The Graduate School
One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, TX 78249

Electronic Transcripts:
graduateadmissions@utsa.edu

Contact Information

College of Education and Human Development

education.utsa.edu
education@utsa.edu
210.458.4370

Graduate School

graduate.school.utsa.edu
graduate.studies@utsa.edu
210.458.4330

Department of Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching

education.utsa.edu/interdisciplinary_learning_and_teaching/
210.458.7443

Financial Aid

utsa.edu/financialaid
210.458.8000 (general line)
210.458.7169 (appointments)

Financial Aid and Scholarships

To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA)

fafsa.ed.gov

Graduate assistantship positions available within the college (average of 19 hours per week)

Additional graduate student scholarship information:

graduate.school.utsa.edu/funding
utsa.edu/scholarships
education.utsa.edu/current_students/scholarships