

# Learning and Design (M.Ed.)

Children not only have to learn what their parents learned in school, but also have to learn how to learn. This has to be recognized as a new problem that is only partly solved.

—Margaret Mead

**Learning and Design** in the Department of Teaching and Learning is intended for anyone who wants to better understand how learning occurs across traditional and out-of-school contexts and how to develop designs that support learning.



The 10-month program focuses on understanding how learning happens across diverse settings and how to bolster and enhance that learning. Students graduate with the ability to use this knowledge to contribute to and create innovative learning environments in and out of school.

Course work on learning and design concentrates on the combination of core and elective classes, and a final Capstone project or essay.

- Common Core: 16 credit hours that focus on learning, design and diversity as core strands.
- Electives: 15 credit hours that can be taken from any graduate level course from any department, college or university for which the student is able. At least one of these electives will have a primary focus on diversity and at least one will have a primary focus on design.
- Capstone: project or essay that draws together elements of theory and practice from core and elective classes.

## Career Paths

Graduates choose careers that include classroom teacher, instructional leader, curriculum designer both for schools and for out-of-school-settings like museums and libraries, leader of non-traditional learning experiences, and education specialist in professions such as medicine. Some pursue doctoral degrees in learning and design.

## What Our Graduates Say

“The Learning and Design program understood that each of us had our own needs and that freedom allowed me to take courses that will benefit my future career.”



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