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 which 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 three-semester program focuses on understanding how learning happens across diverse settings and on 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 practices, contexts, and concentrations.

- **Practices**—the fundamental ideas of learning and design and questions about how people learn, ways to approach design, and how to measure learning.
- **Contexts**—diverse places in which learning can happen, including physical spaces such as schools or museums, but also on how teaching, motivation, play, poverty, games, or technology affect learning.
- **Concentrations**—explorations of particular content areas such as student mathematical thinking or literacy in and out of school or issues such as the conditions of poverty or designing games for learning.

A specialization in Poverty and Intervention is available.

**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.”

—Eric Tan, M.Ed. ’14, Senior Curriculum Planning Officer, Ministry of Education, Singapore

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