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Admissions Information

Admissions Information for M.Ed. in Secondary Education

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Master of Education in Secondary Education is required for all students, including those seeking initial licensure. Applicants must meet the requirements of the Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD) as well as those required for secondary education.

GSEHD Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's degree with a 2.75 G.P.A.
- ✓ Completion of the on-line admissions application with the non-refundable \$60 application fee
- ✓ Acceptable scores (above 50th percentile) on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Official scores must be submitted. Applicants already holding graduate degrees do not need to furnish test scores; however, they need to request a waiver on the application.
- ✓ Official transcripts from each college or university attended
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation. We prefer that at least one letter be from someone who has seen you work with children.

Program Requirements

- ✓ Completion of the PRAXIS I examination. Official scores must be submitted.
- ✓ Statement of Purpose saying what you want to teach and why in 1-2 pages.
- ✓ Current résumé
- ✓ Completed Content Area Preparation Form

Content Area Preparation Forms

Evidence is required of sufficient undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate coursework with satisfactory grades in the subject area for which licensure is desired:

- Art
- English
- English as a second language (ESL)
- Foreign language (including ASL)
- Mathematics (including computer science)
- Science (biology, chemistry, and/or physics)
- Social studies

The content area preparation forms can be found on the GSEHD website www.gwu.edu/~quest If the content area preparation form shows that an applicant is missing more than 12 credit hours of content coursework, he/she cannot be considered for admission at this time. Such applicants may elect to make up the coursework and reapply to the program the following year.

Upon receipt of these admissions materials and review by faculty, applicants may be invited to participate in a required onsite interview.

Application Deadlines

While admission is rolling, these are the target dates

Spring admission: **October 1**

Summer Admission: **March 1**

Fall Admission: **April 1**

Applications

For an electronic graduate admission application, go to: www.gwu.edu/gradinfo This on-line process allows you to submit your graduate application and electronically send requests for letters of recommendation. For traditional printed application by mail, please call 703-248-2800.

Entrance Examinations

Applicants are responsible for arranging to take either the GRE or MAT and PRAXIS I at least three weeks before the application deadline. Scores should be submitted directly to The George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development. Test scores older than five years are not acceptable for review.

PRAXIS I

Completion of GW's programs requires passing scores on the PRAXIS I as required by DC. The test measures academic skills in reading, writing and math. Praxis I is available in a paper-based or computer-based format. Passing scores required for licensure:

	DC	MD	VA
Reading	172	177	178
Writing	171	173	176
Math	174	177	178
Composite	n/a	527	532

www.ets.org (GSEHD's test code is R5246)

Miller Analogies Test (MAT)

The MAT is a high-level analytic ability test requiring the solution of problems stated as analogies. Most of the analogies on the MAT are verbal analogies, and a few are quantitative. The test consists of 100 partial analogies that are to be completed in 50 minutes. The MAT assesses the applicant's ability to recognize relationships between ideas, fluency in the English language, and knowledge of literature, philosophy, history, science, math, and fine arts.

www.milleranalogies.com (test code 1047)

Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

The GRE is designed to measure: **Analytical Writing** which includes the ability to articulate complex issues, examine claims and accompanying evidence, support ideas with relevant reasons and examples, sustain a well-focused, coherent discussion, and control the elements of standard writing; **Verbal Ability** which includes the ability to analyze and evaluate written material and synthesize information obtained from it, analyze relationships among component parts of sentences, recognize relationships between words and concepts; **Quantitative Ability** which includes the ability to understand basic math concepts (arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and data analysis), reason quantitatively, and solve quantitative problems.

www.gre.org (GESHD's test code is R5266)

Exit Examinations

PRAXIS II

PRAXIS II is a content area assessments designed to measure candidates' knowledge of the subjects they will teach, as well as general and subject-specific pedagogical skills. Most students take this test just prior to student teaching. Passing the PRAXIS II tests required by DC is necessary for licensure.

www.ets.org (GSEHD testing code is R5246)

Financial Aid

To apply for Stafford or alternative education loans to finance your graduate education visit the GW Financial Aid Office's website at:
<http://gwired.gwu.edu/finaid>

Official academic policy governing degrees is stated in GW's Bulletin for Graduate Programs. GW is certified to operate in Virginia by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)