

Master of Education Comprehensive Exam

Core Study Guide

Elementary Education, Montessori Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education M.Ed. Programs

Students are permitted three (3) hours to complete the comprehensive exam. The exam is online, using Respondus Lockdown Browser. You are not permitted to use any resources (books, websites, notes, etc. during the exam).

Please be prepared to respond to essay questions on the following topics, through the lens of your concentration area (Elementary, Montessori, Secondary, or Special Education):

A. Philosophical Orientation to Teaching

Identify and define two major philosophies or theories of education through the lens of your concentration area (Elementary, Montessori, Secondary, or Special Education) and connect those ideas to your own philosophy of education. How do you or will you apply it?

B. Social Justice and Education Equity

Consider the policies, processes, and mandates that are part of the educational system. Select an event, a policy, or a relevant research or scholarship, and critically analyze it through an equity lens.

C. Student Research

Outline your research and research process. Write reflection about how this research will impact and inform your professional practice moving forward.

D. Organizational Structure, Culture, Policy, and Change in Education

Critique educational structure, policy, or trend, that has historically and/or in the present influenced the field of education.