

IHE Master's Performance Report

UNC-Chapel Hill

2007 - 2008

Overview of Master's Program

In addition to the MSA for school administrators, we offer master's programs to prepare secondary and PreK-12 teachers, school counselors, and school psychologists, and a master's program specifically designed for experienced teachers. In all, 257 students were enrolled in these master's programs this year. Our MSA PROGRAM, described elsewhere, enrolls approximately 75 students each year both on-campus and off-campus. Our MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING PROGRAM to prepare secondary teachers draws over 60 students each year, with about one-third of its enrollment from UNC-Chapel Hill. With the addition of two new courses designed to meet advanced competencies, this 12-month, full-time MAT program has approval from the State Department of Public Instruction for our graduates to receive the 10% salary increment for master's students. Our M.ED. IN SCHOOL COUNSELING is a 15-month, full-time program that prepares students to practice in elementary, middle, and high schools. This program accepts 15-20 new students each year, and is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). In September 2006, our School Counseling Program was named the 2006 Outstanding Counselor Education Program by the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES). Our M.ED. AND M. A. PROGRAMS IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY are 3-year, full-time programs consisting of two years of course work and one year of internship. They are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). Students may elect to receive an M.A. or M.Ed. (The M.A. requires a thesis.) The School Psychology master's program accepts approximately 14-18 new students each year and prepares its graduates to work in schools and related educational agencies. Graduates are eligible for psychological and educational licensing in NC. Our M.ED. PROGRAM FOR EXPERIENCED TEACHERS (MEDX) is a 31-33hour, part-time, field-based program which has been specifically designed to meet the needs of practicing teachers. Students participate in this program in cohorts of about 15 to 20 students each, with teachers who work together studying together. As of Summer '08, a total of 173 practicing teachers were enrolled in our M.Ed,X cohorts. Students complete their 31-33 hours of course work over three summers and two academic years. Graduates of the M.Ed. Program for Experienced Teachers are eligible for a 10% increase in base salary. (NOTE: We also offer one master's program that does not lead to licensure: a Master of Arts in Education. These students are not counted for the purposes of this report).

Special Features of Master's Program

A distinctive feature fundamental to our master's programming is the offering of OFF-CAMPUS, PART-TIME MASTER'S PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE PRACTICING EDUCATORS who choose to continue working while pursuing a graduate degree. These programs combine online instruction with some face-to-face instruction at locations convenient to the students' regular work places. (The off-campus MSA program is described in the MSA section of this report). Our off-campus M.Ed. program, offered to experienced teachers, is cohort-based with an average of 50% of the course instruction conducted over the Internet. The face-to-face instruction is offered after school and in the summers at times when practicing teachers can participate. Teachers participate in the program in cohorts of about 15 to 20 students each, ideally with teachers who work in the same school district studying together in the same cohort. Our faculty and area superintendents work together to identify areas of interest among teachers. The growth of this program is an indication of the high level of interest among teachers in pursuing graduate education: The program was launched with three cohorts in 2001; two more cohorts were added in 2002; four more were added during 2003 and one more in January of 2004. We admitted two new cohorts during the summer of 2006: a K-12 Literacy Cohort with 30 teachers and a K-8 Science Cohort with 12 teachers. We admitted three new cohorts in Summer 2007: a 6-12 Social Studies Cohort, a K-12 Technology Cohort and a K-12 Mathematics cohort, for a total of 55 teachers. A K-12 Literacy cohort and K-8 Science cohort also began in Summer '07. Again, teachers were from several of the surrounding communities. Finally, cohorts beginning Summer 2008 are K-12 Literacy, K-8 Science and our newly approved Special Education General Curriculum. Of note is a 6-8 Middle Grades Math cohort, completed in August 2006, which was a special cohort made up of teachers from several counties in NC. Cohort members were participants in an NSF-Funded Middle Math Project, of which the Center for Mathematics and Science Education was a subcontractor. As part of their involvement with the grant, they were required to submit for their National Boards, so many of that cohort graduated with an M.Ed. in Middle Grades Math and their National Boards. Praise for the impact of the program on teachers' disposition and practice related to teaching continue to be strong. Completion of the final Synthesis and Evaluation Statements (a Portfolio-like documentation and assessment program) provides documentation to support the impact of the program. This documentation demonstrates graduate understanding in terms of extending knowledge of content, teaching, and assessment, more extensive use of reflective planning, demonstration of leadership, and dispositions that support all students learning and the value of teacher research about their practice. As of the Summer of 2008, we have 173 MEdX students currently enrolled in 8 cohorts (i.e., 5 continuing from Summer 2007 and 3 new beginning Summer 2008) with 32 who graduated between August '07 and May '08.

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS

A. Headcount of students formally admitted to and enrolled in programs leading to licensure.

Full Time				
	Male		Female	
Graduate First License	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	1	Asian/Pacific Islander	0
	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	0	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	6
	Hispanic	0	Hispanic	3
	White, Not Hispanic Origin	39	White, Not Hispanic Origin	75
	Other	0	Other	2
	Total	40	Total	86
Graduate	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0	Asian/Pacific Islander	0
	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	4	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	7
	Hispanic	0	Hispanic	4
	White, Not Hispanic Origin	5	White, Not Hispanic Origin	59
	Other	0	Other	0
	Total	9	Total	70
Licensure-Only	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0	Asian/Pacific Islander	0
	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	0	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	0
	Hispanic	0	Hispanic	0
	White, Not Hispanic Origin	0	White, Not Hispanic Origin	0
	Other	0	Other	0
	Total	0	Total	0

Part Time				
	Male		Female	
Graduate First License	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0	Asian/Pacific Islander	0
	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	0	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	0
	Hispanic	0	Hispanic	0
	White, Not Hispanic Origin	0	White, Not Hispanic Origin	0
	Other	0	Other	0
	Total	0	Total	0
Graduate	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	American Indian/Alaskan Native	1
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0	Asian/Pacific Islander	3
	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	5	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	26
	Hispanic	2	Hispanic	4
	White, Not Hispanic Origin	23	White, Not Hispanic Origin	136
	Other	0	Other	1
	Total	30	Total	171
Licensure-Only	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	American Indian/Alaskan Native	1
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0	Asian/Pacific Islander	0
	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	1	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	3
	Hispanic	0	Hispanic	0
	White, Not Hispanic Origin	0	White, Not Hispanic Origin	29
	Other	1	Other	1
	Total	2	Total	34

B. Lateral Entry/Provisionally Licensed Teachers Refers to individuals employed by public schools on lateral entry or provisional licenses.

Program Area	Number of Issued Program of Study Leading to Licensure	Number Enrolled in One or More Courses Leading to Licensure
Prekindergarten (B-K)	0	0
Elementary (K-6)	0	0
Middle Grades (6-9)	0	0
Secondary (9-12)	0	0
Special Subject Areas (K-12)	0	0
Exceptional Children (K-12)	0	0
Vocational Education (K-12)	0	0
Special Service Personnel (K-12)	0	0
Other	0	0
Total	0	0
Comment or Explanation		

C. Quality of students admitted to programs during report year.

Masters	
MEAN GPA	3.33
MEAN MAT New Rubric	N/A
MEAN MAT Traditional	*
MEAN GRE New Rubric	N/A
MEAN GRE Traditional	1183
MEAN NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE	N/A
NUMBER EMPLOYED IN NC SCHOOLS	N/A
* To protect confidentiality of student records, mean scores based on fewer than five test takers were not printed.	
Comment or Explanation	

D. Program Completers (reported by IHE).

Program Area	Graduate First Awarded		Graduate		Graduate Licensure Only	
	PC	LC	PC	LC	PC	LC
PC Completed program but has not applied for or is not eligible to apply for a license						
LC Completed program and applied for license						
Prekindergarten (B-K)	0	0	0	9	0	0
Elementary (K-6)	0	0	0	12	0	0
Middle Grades (6-9)	0	0	0	15	0	0
Secondary (9-12)	0	50	0	0	0	0
Special Subject Areas (K-12)	0	14	0	0	0	2
Exceptional Children (K-12)	0	0	0	1	0	0
Vocational Education (7-12)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Service Personnel	0	0	0	30	0	20
Total	0	64	0	67	0	22
Comment or Explanation						

E. Scores of program completers on professional and content area examinations.

	2006 - 2007 Program Completers Licensure Pass Rate	
Specialty Area/Professional Knowledge	Number Taking Test	Percent Passing
Counselor	20	100
Elementary Education	2	*
Media Coordinator	2	*
Institution Summary	24	100
* To protect confidentiality of student records, pass rates based on fewer than five test takers were not printed.		

F. Time from admission into professional education program until program completion.

Full Time						
	3 or fewer semesters	4 semesters	5 semesters	6 semesters	7 semesters	8 semesters
Masters-Upgrade/Add-On	18	6	1	4	1	2
Masters-First Awarded	64	0	0	0	0	0
G Licensure Only	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part Time						
	3 or fewer semesters	4 semesters	5 semesters	6 semesters	7 semesters	8 semesters
Masters-Upgrade/Add-On	1	31	2	0	1	0
Masters-First Awarded	0	0	0	0	0	0
G Licensure Only	16	4	0	1	0	0
Comment or Explanation						

G. Satisfaction of program completers/employers with the program in general and with specific aspects of the program, as rated on a 1 (lowest) to 4 (highest) scale.

Satisfaction with...	Program Completers	Employer
quality of teacher education program.	3.50	3.61
connect subject matter and learner's needs.	3.43	3.55
implement research-based approaches.	3.34	3.45
assume leadership roles.	3.43	3.39
facilitate learning for diverse students.	3.46	3.48
engage in continuous professional development.	3.29	3.48
Number of Surveys Received	70	33
Number of Surveys Mailed	189	189
* Less than five responses received. They will be added to next year's responses.		