"My degree in Curriculum and Teaching from Fitchburg State gave me the boost I needed in the career path I have chosen. Everyone from the registrar to the professors was supportive in helping me attain my goal. They were there for me the entire time and wanted me to be successful. I was working during the program but with their support, I was able to accomplish my goal. Thank you Fitchburg State!"



- Angelica Corcoran Vocational Teacher

# Endorsements from Graduates

"As an academic teacher new to Massachusetts, the need to further my education and teaching license led me to Fitchburg State University's Masters Degree program in Curriculum and Teaching through MAVA. The timing and availability of the courses allowed for me to work, coach, and complete my degree within 2 years. I was able to apply the information I learned in my courses directly into my classroom. Everyone was beyond helpful and made the entire process from my matriculation to filling out my graduation paperwork seamless. Thanks!"

- Richard Chouinard

Academic Teacher

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Check out the Fitchburg State University website: www.fitchburgstate.edu/admissions or the MAVA website: www.mava.us for more information.





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Master of Education
Curriculum & Teaching Program

### **Master of Education Program**

### Curriculum and Teaching, MEd (non-licensure)

Program designed to assist practicing educators in developing advanced skills in teaching, particularly in the area of curriculum development and adaptation for diverse learners, as well as enhancing your content knowledge in your field of licensure.

### **Program Overview**

The MEd in Curriculum and Teaching is a non-licensure degree program designed to enhance teaching skills in key areas. However, for those students seeking to further their licensure with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), this program offers the flexibility to accumulate the required graduate-level credits in their teaching field.

## Professional Licensure for Teachers with Academic Licenses

Teachers in academic areas can apply for professional licensure through completion of 12 credits of content or content related pedagogy courses in the discipline of the initial license. Work closely with your advisor, Dr. Elaine Francis, to choose these electives wisely.

#### For Vocational Teachers

You can apply all of your 6 OCED licensure courses (up to 18 credits) towards this program as long as you have taken the licensure courses at the graduate level. You can also apply the 3 graduate credits from the SEI Endorsement Course. In addition, if you have completed the MAVA Leadership Academy 1, you can apply the additional 6 graduate credits to this program.

### Transferable Credits

Instructors in the Vocational areas can use their Graduate Level licensure courses to fulfill the 21 credits of the requirements of the Master in Curriculum and Teaching.

6 OCED licensure courses = 18 credits
1 SEI Endorsement course = 3 credits
MAVA Leadership Academy 1 = 6 credits
Up to 27 Credits
Applied to this program

### Curriculum and Teaching Program Plan of Study

#### 18 Core Credits:

- 3cr Dynamic Perspectives in Education
- 3cr Course in Curriculum
- 2 of the following courses:
   Education Technology
   Special Education
   Literacy
- 3cr Research in Education
- 3cr Capstone

### 18 Elective Credits:

- 9cr Content
- 9cr Pedagogy

**Total: 36 Credits** 

#### Transfer Credits

- **Total** of *only* 12 FSU graduate credits can be taken prior to acceptance
  - and/or
- Maximum 6cr transfer from other institutions Please be sure to upload course descriptions for courses you are requesting to be transferred in.

"3.0" minimum grade in transfer courses

### **Admission Process**

- Application form: online only
- Official transcript of Undergraduate Degree and any Graduate courses
- Professional Resume
- Personal Statement
- Application Fee \$50
- 3 Letters of Recommendation

\*\*The upload option for your resume, personal statement and course descriptions (if applicable) will be available 1 hour after submitting your application

### **COURSE DISCOUNT**

By taking the courses through MAVA, the discounted rate is \$650.00 per three credit course.

Regularly the rate is \$1,002.00 through Fitchburg State University - This is a savings of \$352.00!

\*Prices are subject to change



Apply ASAP as it takes time to compile the requirements and you do not want to lose credits!!!!

www.fitchburgstate.edu/academics/graduateacademics/graduate-continuing-education-division/ extended-campus

### How long do I have to complete the program?

There is a six year window to complete this degree, with "the clock" beginning with the oldest course, including transfer courses.