Master of Education Program
Covenant College

2004-2005
Masters of Education Catalog
Covenant College complies with federal and state requirements for nondiscrimination on the basis of age, race, color, gender, handicap, and national or ethnic origin in the administration of its policies and programs.
MISSION

Covenant College, operating under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church in America, is committed to the Bible as the Word of God written and accepts as its guiding interpretation the summary contained in The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. That commitment is expressed in the college’s motto, based on Colossians 1:18, “In all things Christ preeminent.”

Covenant strives to be a reformed learning community which recognizes and responds appropriately to Christ’s rule over creation and all areas of life through rigorous academic inquiry. A Covenant College education is designed to produce in students knowledge, skills and values, that equip students to serve effectively and live responsibly in a rapidly changing world.

Covenant offers associate and baccalaureate degrees in liberal arts disciplines and selected pre-professional programs as well as the Master of Education Program. Covenant provides a Christ-centered education to students from a wide range of denominational, geographic, ethnic and financial backgrounds through scholarly classroom instruction and experiential opportunities.

To this end, Covenant seeks highly qualified faculty members who are committed to teaching others, personal and academic counseling, and mature modeling of Christian responsibility in all areas of life.

The official purpose statement of Covenant College is included within this document, Appendix A.
Covenant College seeks to bring a Christian perspective to bear on reality in the marketplace of society—including professional education. There is a significant difference between a teacher who is a Christian and a Christian teacher. Commitment to biblical principles related to various components of education makes it possible for educators to build an approach to teaching and administration that is genuinely Christian.

In accordance with the credal commitment and ecclesiastical order of its sponsoring denomination, Covenant College regards men and women to be of equal value in the sight of God, created by God with distinctive roles as described in the Holy Scriptures.

**Description of the Program**

The Master of Education Program at Covenant College provides a Christian community for graduate study over the course of three consecutive summers. Each spring students prepare for the summer session by reading books and articles, collecting information from local schools, and writing reflectively. By the time everyone arrives on campus for three weeks in July, the anticipation of discourse with Christians about the nature of education is able to be realized. Students struggle with working out their faith in the day-to-day life of the Christian and public school classroom. During the July residency, students share their lives, their thoughts, and their plans while they create an international support network of Christian educators. Lives change as a result of this program. These changes are reflected in the post-campus work that takes place in the local schools of the respective students. Covenant masters program students learn how their faith relates to their work with children who bear the image of God.

The Master of Education Program is a 30 semester-hour program offered with two specializations: Educational Leadership (EL)
and Integrated Curriculum and Instruction (ICI). Educational Leadership is an approved program at the 5th year level by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Integrated Curriculum and Instruction is not an approved program by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and does not lead to certification within this state.

The Master of Education Program is non-traditional in its format. Each course consists of three phases: a pre-campus phase, an on-campus phase, and a post-campus phase. The pre-campus phase begins at registration. Typically it includes significant work within a variety of assignments: reading of texts and articles, responses to that reading, data gathering, interviewing professionals in the field, etc. The intent of the pre-campus work is to give background to and prepare students for the on-campus phase. The on-campus phase consists of one intensive week per course on campus during which instructional activities are widely varied. This phase occurs for three weeks late June through mid-July. Following the on-campus phase, is the post-campus phase. The post-campus phase usually requires projects, exams, papers, etc. in which students apply what they are learning in their own school settings. This phase concludes with the calendar year on December 31. Comprehensive examinations are administered following the third year of course work. The exams are administered during the first week of March.

Students who complete the program in three years are regular, full-time students, registering for three courses each of the first two years, and four courses the third year. It is possible to extend the program beyond three years, but not beyond six years.

ACCRREDITATION
Covenant College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate’s, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees.
COMPUTER RESOURCES

Computer resources at Covenant available to Master of Education students consist of computer laboratories, email, access to the internet, software, printers, and optional wireless capability.

Wireless Internet access is available in the residence halls. It is based on the 802.11b standard with 128 bit encryption and any wireless card that supports that standard will work in the dorms. With the wireless network you will be able to access your email, files on the server, and have internet access. To access the wireless network, students will need to provide their own computer housed with the appropriate wireless card. Additional details are included in the registration packet.

All M.Ed. students are expected to have email accounts to communicate with M.Ed. faculty and personnel. A student’s primary email address should be on file with the M.Ed. office, as email is the primary means of communication. Students will need access to personal computers and email for pre- and post-campus work. During the on-campus phase, campus email accounts are provided for each M.Ed. student.

The standard computer software used at Covenant is Microsoft Office; specifically, the Master of Education Program uses Outlook, Word, PowerPoint and Excel. A general literacy of computer use and the internet is expected.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Covenant College is uniquely located on top of Lookout Mountain in Georgia, just 15 minutes from downtown Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain areas provide cultural and recreational opportunities, along with abundant natural beauty. Hang glider enthusiasts come from all over the United States to hang glide off of Lookout Mountain. Within minutes from the college are many scenic trails for hiking and bicycling. Chickamauga and
Chattanooga National Military Park is located just 45 minutes from the college.

Covenant is located approximately two hours north of Atlanta, Georgia via Interstate 75; two-and-a-half hours from Birmingham, Alabama via Interstate 59; two hours from Nashville, Tennessee via Interstate 24; two hours from Knoxville via Interstate 75.

**Housing and Meals**

On-campus housing is available for the on-campus phase of the program. Housing requests are part of the registration process and specific housing arrangements are finalized after registration concludes. Students are housed in the newest residence facility: Maclellan and Rymer Halls. These facilities consist of suites, which vary in size, but all of which incorporate sleeping spaces, study room, and bathroom. A kitchen/commons area is available on each floor.

Meals are available through the college dining facility and may be purchased on a meal-by-meal basis. M.Ed. students receive discounted meal prices.

**Library Facilities**

The Kresge Memorial Library represents the critical center of the academic enterprise at Covenant College. Current collections of print books, electronic books, print serials, microforms, curricular materials, and assorted audio/visual materials total about 110,000 volumes. In addition, the Library subscribes to approximately 170 electronic databases consisting of over 10,000 full-text periodical titles (many with backfiles to the 19th century), periodical indexes, full-text research sources, and online library catalogs. The majority of these databases are contained within GALILEO, Georgia's Virtual Library. M.Ed. students may access GALILEO and most other electronic subscription resources from off-campus with appropriate user authentication.
Most of the items owned by the Kresge Memorial Library are listed in its web-based online catalog. The catalog will not only provide you with descriptive information about an item, but also its current availability and shelf location. M.Ed. students may access their own Library accounts through the online catalog to check circulation status, renew materials, or contact the Library staff via email. The Library will ship circulating items from its collections to M.Ed. students and pay postage costs.

The Library makes extensive use of electronic interlibrary loan services through its membership in OCLC, a network of over 18,000 libraries worldwide that own over 50 million items. By notifying the Library staff, M.Ed. students may request books, selected audio/visual materials, or photocopied periodical articles from other libraries via OCLC. All approved interlibrary loan transactions conducted for M.Ed. students are paid for by the Library.

Please check the Library’s web site at http://library.covenant.edu for more detailed information on policies, collections, and services.

**TRANSPORTATION**

The campus of Covenant College is relatively small making it possible for an on-campus student to negotiate the campus without a car. However, public transportation is not readily available for accessing the Chattanooga area.

It is advisable to have a car during the on-campus phase. Group and class activities sometimes require transportation, and personal interests and needs can more easily be met.
THE CLASSROOM
Graduate faculty bring a wealth of experience to the program, serving as teachers and administrators in public and Christian institutions; publishing books and articles for professional journals, and conducting workshops for both pre-service and in-service teacher education.

**FACULTY**

**ROBERT B. ASHLOCK,** *Professor of Education Emeritus (1988)*, *Ed.D.*, Indiana University; *M.S. and B.S.*, Butler University.

**BARBARA BELLEFEOUILLE,** *Professor of Education Toccoa Falls College*. Ed.D., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; *M.Ed.*, Reformed Theological Seminary Graduate School of Education; *B.S.*, Columbia International University.

**WILLIAM DAVIS,** *Associate Professor of Philosophy (1997)*, *Ph.D. and M.A.*, University of Notre Dame; *M.A.*, Westminster Theological Seminary; *B.A.*, Covenant College.

**JAMES DREXLER,** *Upper School Principal, Westminster Christian Academy, St. Louis, MO*. Ph.D., Saint Louis University; *M.Ed.*, University of Missouri; *M.Div.*, Covenant Theological Seminary; *B.A.*, Covenant College.

**TIMOTHY C. EVEARITT,** *Professor of Education (1979) & Coordinator of the Educational Leadership Specialization*, *Ed.D & M.S.*, Illinois State University; *M.A.*, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; *B.A.*, Taylor University, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

**JOHN (JACK) E. FENNEMA,** *Professor of Education (1999-2003)*, *Ed.D.*, University of Georgia; *M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy*, Reformed Theological Seminary; *M.Ed. in Curriculum Development*, Florida Atlantic University; *B.A.*, Calvin College.

**JAY D. GREEN,** *Associate Professor of History (1998)*, *Ph.D.*, Kent State University; *M.A.*, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; *B.A.*, Taylor University.
DAPHNE W. HADDAD, Associate Professor of Education (1996)
& Coordinator of the Integrated Curriculum and Instruction
Specialization, Ph.D., University of South Carolina; M.Ed. in Gifted
Education and Elementary Education, Converse College; M.A. and
B.A., Birmingham University, Birmingham, England.

JEFFREY B. HALL, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Interim
Dean of the Master of Education Program (1994), Ed.D., University
of Tennessee; M.Ed., Slippery Rock University; B.A., Grove City
College.

BRUCE A. HEKMAN, Adjunct Professor of Education, Education
Leadership Consultant, Calvin College. Ph.D., University of Illinois;
M.A. English, University of Michigan; B.A. Calvin College.

PHILLIP B.HORTON, Professor of Education (1998) Ph.D., Florida
State University; M.S.T., Middle Tennessee State University; B.A.,
Bryan College.

STEPHEN R. KAUFMANN, Professor of Education (1982), Ph.D., and
M.A., University of Iowa; B.A., Covenant College.

JOHN VAN DYK, Professor of Philosophy of Education, and Director,
Center for Educational Services at Dordt College, Sioux Center,
Iowa. Ph.D., Cornell University; M.A. University of Michigan; A.B.
Calvin College.

PERSONNEL

REBECCA J. DODSON, Assistant Professor of Education (1975)
& Associate Dean of the Master of Education Program, M.S.,
Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; B.A., Covenant College.

ELIZABETH (BETH) STEELE, Assistant to the Master of Education
Program (1999) M.El.Ed., Temple University; B.A., State University of
New York at Buffalo.

Most courses are taught by resident faculty. Other professors in the program are
adjunct faculty.
OBJECTIVES

Covenant College seeks to provide a master's program in which:

1. A biblical world-view is applied to theoretical and research understandings in education.
2. Educational theory is applied to professional practice.
3. School administrators and supervisors are equipped to assume leadership in schools.
4. Classroom teachers are equipped to bring about greater integration of curricula within schools.
5. Teachers and administrators are equipped to facilitate needed change within their schools.
6. Teachers and administrators are equipped to describe the role of schools in society.

SPECIAL PACKAGE PROGRAMS

Two graduate level special student programs are available. These are designed for the individual with interests in curriculum development, Integrated Curriculum Package, or in a Christian perspective on education, A Perspective Package. They are not degree-completion programs.

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM PACKAGE: usually a two-year program with the intent that two courses may be taken each year.

A PERSPECTIVE PACKAGE: usually a one-year program.

See course sequences in this bulletin for courses included in the package programs. To participate in either program, the applicant must qualify for special student admission.
Admissions

An application packet can be obtained by calling, writing or e-mailing:

Master of Education Office
Covenant College
14049 Scenic Highway
Lookout Mountain, GA 30750
(800) 677-3626
med@covenant.edu

An application packet may also be downloaded from our website: www.covenant.edu.

Note the following dates for submission of application materials:

Dec-Mar Submission of application and all supporting materials is received by M.Ed. office and applicants are notified of acceptance

Feb 1-Apr 15 Registration packets mailed to new students as applications are received and applicants are notified of acceptance

Mar 1 Priority deadline for submission of financial aid application

Mar 15 Priority financial aid awards

Apr 30 Final date for receipt of registration; deposit for tuition and payment of books and materials.

May 15 Pre-campus session officially begins.

Admission Requirements

Regular Admission – Required for Degree Completion

To be admitted as a regular student in the M.Ed. Program, an individual must:

1. hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
2. have earned a grade point average of 3.0 for the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate study.
3. have completed at least 15 semester hours of undergraduate course work in education. Evidence of five years of verified experience in professional education may be substituted for the required course work in education.

4. have taught for one or more years. (Application may be submitted during the first year of teaching.) If the experience was in a home rather than a school setting, the applicant will be considered for provisional admission.

5. submit a credible written profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

6. submit an acceptable sample of written work in which academic capability is demonstrated. The sample of written work may be a copy of an academic paper previously written, or the applicant may identify a problem of special concern in education and write a brief paper in which an idea related to that problem is developed. The sample of written work will be examined for coherence of thought, organization, spelling and punctuation.

7. have taken the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with the scores sent to Covenant College (code 6124); the test must have been taken within ten years of the date of the application.

   Applicants who have already completed graduate work at an accredited institution with a grade of at least “B” and have already taken the Miller Analogies Test, may choose to submit MAT scores in lieu of GRE scores, if the MAT was taken within ten years of the date of application to Covenant. Official transcripts of completed graduate work must be submitted.

   Applicants who have already completed a master’s degree are exempt from taking the GRE.

8. if applicants are not currently teaching in a school, submit a statement from a school administrator that he or she will have access to a school situation where principles learned in class can be applied directly.
**Provisional Admission**

An applicant not having fully met admissions criteria may be considered for provisional admission. In some cases the student will be informed that unmet criteria must be satisfied during the course of the program. The status of a provisional student is reviewed after nine hours of course work; no more than nine hours taken while in this category may be applied toward the degree. For example, an applicant who has a grade point average of at least 2.5 but less than 3.0 for the last 60 hours at the undergraduate level, or does not have 15 semester hours in education, or has not yet taken the GRE general test may be admitted as a provisional student if other admissions criteria are met. The GRE must be taken before registration will be accepted for a second year of study. A student must obtain a grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) on courses taken as a provisional student, and take the GRE, if he or she is to be admitted as a regular student. Admission as a regular student is required if the degree is to be granted.

**Special Student Admission**

For an applicant who does not intend to complete the M.Ed. Program, a special student category for admission is available. To be admitted as a special student, an applicant must have a bachelor's degree and one year of teaching experience. If the applicant is not working in a school, verification from a school administrator must be submitted, assuring access to a school situation where principles learned can be applied. A grade point average of 3.0 for the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate study is expected. No more than 12 hours taken as a special student may be applied toward the degree program, should the student decide to apply for admission as a regular student in the M.Ed. Program.

**Admissions Procedure**

Application and supporting materials are accepted December through March by the Master of Education office. Application
packets may be obtained through written, phone, e-mail request, or downloading from the college website: www.covenant.edu.

THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION:

1. A completed application form.
2. Payment of the $35 non-refundable application fee.
3. A credible written profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
4. Official transcripts of undergraduate and graduate course work.
5. Two completed recommendation forms from educators.
6. A sample of written work which demonstrates academic capability. The sample may be a copy of an academic paper previously written, or a problem of special concern in education can be identified and a brief paper written in which an idea related to that problem is developed. The sample of written work will be examined for coherence of thought, organization, spelling and punctuation.
7. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores on the General Test obtained within the last 10 years. The General Test Package One in 1997 and thereafter. Applicants must request that their scores be sent to the college (code 6124). Students who have completed graduate work at an accredited institution with a grade of at least B may choose to submit Miller Analogies Test scores in lieu of GRE scores, if the MAT was taken within ten years of the date of application to Covenant. Applicants who have already completed a master’s degree are exempt from taking the GRE.
8. If the applicant is not working in a school situation, a statement from a school administrator that he or she will have access to school situations where principles learned in class can be directly applied.

After an application and all supporting materials are received, an applicant is notified of his or her acceptance in the program, his or her status (provisional or regular), and an academic advisor is assigned. Applications for financial aid are distributed with registration materials.
Special Student Admission

Individuals who apply to be admitted as special students should complete the following steps:

1. Complete the application form.
2. Provide a credible written profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
3. Provide official transcripts of college-level work.
4. Provide a statement of access from an administrator if they are not working in a school situation.
5. Mail above information and $35 application fee to Master of Education Office, Covenant College.

Two student programs are available on a special student status: Integrated Curriculum Package and A Perspective Package. Refer to Special Package Programs of this bulletin for additional information.

Covenant Fellows Program

Graduates of the M.Ed. program may enroll in either undergraduate or graduate courses without payment of tuition if seats are available in the classes following registration; graduates may enroll in no more than six hours of instruction per year. These hours may apply toward a second specialization in the graduate program. Graduates must pay all other college and course-related fees, purchase texts and other required materials, complete assignments, and take examinations. Graduate Covenant Fellows are encouraged to participate fully in the Master of Education Program.

Priority in housing is given to degree candidates, but is made available to Covenant Fellows whenever possible.

Auditing

Because the effectiveness of the program is directly related to active participation of the students in all assignments, no auditing of courses is permitted.
TRANSFER CREDITS
Graduate work completed at other regionally-accredited institutions may be accepted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the master of education degree at Covenant College subject to the following conditions:

Transfer credit will not be allowed for any course in which the grade received was lower than a B.

No more than six hours of transfer graduate-level credit may be applied toward the M.Ed. degree.

Any course transferred and applied toward the degree must have been taken within six years of the graduation date.

Each request for transfer of credit will be considered by the Dean on an individual basis. The value of the course content in relationship to the applicant's program will be considered in the decision.

Any graduate work undertaken at another institution after admission to the Master of Education Program at Covenant College must be approved in advance by the Dean of the Master of Education Program.
FINANCIAL

FEES AND EXPENSES:

GENERAL
- $35 Application fee (non-refundable, payable only once)
- $345 Tuition per semester hour unit
- $125 Books and materials fee (per 3-unit course)
- $15 Library fee (per 3-unit course)
- $12 Student activity fee (per 3-unit course)
- $15 Computer fee (per on-campus session)

HOUSING
- $100 Room per week (7 days)*

SPECIAL
- $35 Late registration fee
- $85 Graduation fee, 3rd year students only
- $85 Praxis II exam, 3rd year EL students only*
  (Fee submitted with registration for exam)

REGISTRATION
Registration packets are mailed to new students February 1 through April 15. Registration packets are mailed to returning students February 1. Registration materials which are late will be assessed a fee of $35. Registrations are not accepted after April 30.

Returning students may not register if more than one course is incomplete and if tuition/fees/fines are outstanding, or if there is a “hold.” Students may not register for courses beyond the first year if they have not completed the GRE.

LATE REGISTRATION
If registration occurs after the deadline, a late registration fee of $35 will be charged. Registrations are accepted only through April 30.

*Subject to change.
**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

The $35 application fee is submitted with the application for admission. Initial payment is submitted with registration and includes full, non-refundable payment for books and materials, and a non-refundable deposit of $300 towards the remaining tuition and fees.

Tuition is assessed July 1 and must be paid by December 30; interest (annual) begins accruing August 31; the date being stated on student billing statement. Payment may be made on a monthly basis with complete payment by December 30. Returning students with an unpaid balance, may not register until the balance is paid.

Housing is paid during the on-campus phase.

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Amount of payment per month is individual’s choice. Interest on unpaid balance will accrue at the end of August; the date being stated on student billing statement. Returning students with an unpaid balance, may not register until the balance is paid.

Withdrawal from courses may be accomplished by written notification to the Associate Dean of the program. See Refund Policy for refund of tuition.
REFUND POLICY

Refunds are granted only upon written application to the Dean or Associate Dean of the Master of Education Program when a student either formally withdraws from the Master of Education Program or withdraws from individual courses. The date of withdrawal is determined by written application or violates attendance policy for on-campus session (see Compulsory Withdrawal/Suspension below). This refund policy is in compliance with the Department of Education Title IV requirements and will apply to charges and financial aid credits similarly whether federal or institutional aid.

REFUNDS ON TUITION

The academic year is considered May 15 through December 31 and consists of one semester, however, the majority of the program will take place during the on-campus phase in July. Tuition will be refunded on the following schedule within 30 days upon notification of withdrawal:

- 100% through July 1
- 90% through July 4
- 80% through July 7
- 70% through July 10
- 60% through July 13
- 40% through July 16

After July 16 there is no tuition refund

Any financial aid would be prorated based on the percentage of the semester attended with no aid earned after October 18.

There are no refunds on books and materials, or the registration deposit.

COMPULSORY WITHDRAWAL/SUSPENSION

If a student is requested to withdraw or is suspended for any reason, no tuition, fees or other charges will be refunded.
FINANCIAL AID

To receive financial assistance a student must be admitted to the Master of Education program, and must be enrolled for at least six semester hour units. Eligibility for assistance must be established through applications submitted annually to the Financial Aid Office, Covenant College. Priority consideration will be given to applicants submitting financial aid applications by March 1, even if the college has not received registration materials from the student.

Financial aid grants may not be used to fund registration deposit or book/materials fees. A financial aid packet is included in the registration packet.

The Robert B. Ashlock Scholarship

Each year the faculty of the Master of Education Program select one third-year student to receive the Robert B. Ashlock Scholarship. This award recognizes Dr. Ashlock as the organizing and first director of the Master of Education Program at Covenant College and as a published scholar in the field of elementary mathematics. The award will be given to a graduate student who exemplifies the mission of Covenant College through scholarly academic performance.

The Norman Harper Scholarship

Each year the faculty of the Master of Education Program select one third-year student to receive the Norman Harper Scholarship. This honor will be bestowed on a student who exemplifies the mission of the college relative to scholarly work in the program. The award memorializes Dr. Harper, a key initiator of the predecessor of the program when it was housed at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi.
A LEARNING COMMUNITY
Advisors
All individuals admitted to the Master of Education Program are assigned an academic advisor. Students are urged to contact their advisor regularly with questions they have about their program of study.

Enrollment Status
Students who are registered for at least nine semester hours are considered full-time in the program. Students registered for six semester hours are considered half-time. Students registered for three hours are considered part-time.

Candidacy
Candidates for the degree are students who have completed 9 semester hours, have regular student status, and have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Certification
Educational Leadership Specialization — Covenant College works with the Professional Standards Commission of the state of Georgia to offer a non-renewable level five certificate to graduates of the Educational Leadership specialization. Georgia residents must upgrade the certificate to the education specialist degree in educational leadership.

To qualify for a professional certificate in Educational Leadership an applicant must:
1. possess a master's or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution
2. have completed three years of acceptable school experience
3. have completed an approved program at the master's degree level or higher in Educational Leadership and obtain the professional recommendation from the preparing institution
4. have met the specific Georgia requirements in special education and technology
5. have received a passing score on Praxis I
6. have received a passing score on the Praxis II exam in Leadership and Administration (Georgia Teacher Certification Test in Administration and Supervision if prior to July 1, 1997.)

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION SPECIALIZATION –
No certification is offered for graduates of the Integrated Curriculum and Instruction specialization.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION
After completing at least 21 semester hours of course work, candidates for the Master of Education Degree are required to sustain a written comprehensive examination focusing on the program and course outcomes. Responses are evaluated by two graduate faculty members. The criteria used for evaluation include comprehensiveness, accuracy, logical organization, and the use of research-based information in the responses. If limited portions of the examination are unsatisfactory, the student may be allowed one opportunity to rewrite those portions or submit to an oral retake of unsatisfactory written portions. On occasion, oral examination may be part of the comprehensive exam.

Twenty-one course hours must be completed to sit for the exam. However, students usually take the examination after completion of all course work. The exam is typically scheduled for a date in late February or early March. If students are to graduate in May, the comprehensive examination must be submitted by April 15 (includes any re-write or oral exam).

The examination is proctored by an official in the student’s home school situation under arrangements suitable to the Dean of the Master of Education Program. The written examination must be received by the Dean within 10 days of sitting for the exam.
Students are notified of the results of the examination by March 25. If portions of the examination are to be re-written, they must be submitted to the Dean by a prescribed date, but no later than April 15. An unsatisfactory performance on the comprehensive examination disqualifies the student from receiving the master’s degree.
**Course Sequences**

The Master of Education Program is designed to be completed within a three-year period. Students unable to complete the degree within three years may work out a part time schedule with their faculty advisor. All course work applied toward the degree must be taken within six years of the graduation date.

**Integrated Curriculum & Instruction Specialization**

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1. April 15, completion of all course work, comprehensive exams, and payment of financial and other obligations in order to graduate.
2. April 15, completion of incomplete course grades in order to register for the next year of course work.
3. April 30, final date to register; no registrations taken after this date.
4. May 15, pre-campus phase officially begins.

**Deadlines**
Student work is to be turned in by the published deadline for each course. Students failing to meet this deadline can expect to be penalized as much as one letter grade for lack of punctuality. If a student believes that a deadline will be missed, communication with the professor prior to the deadline is recommended.

**Degree Requirements**
A total of 30 semester hours of course work is required for completion of the Master of Education Program: 12 hours of core courses and 18 hours within a specialization as listed below. The degree must be completed with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and only one course with the grade of C will be applied to graduation requirements. All course work applied toward the degree must be taken within six years of the graduation date. Also, a comprehensive examination must be passed.

**Core Courses:**
All students in the program are required to complete the following core courses.

- **Edu 610** *Foundations for Curriculum Development* (3 units)
- **Edu 620** *Introduction to Research* (3 units)
- **Edu 630** *Learning Theory Applied to Teaching* (3 units)
- **Edu 650** *The School in Society* (3 units)
SPECIALIZATIONS:
Students select one of two specializations. If a change in specialization is desired once a student has been accepted, a request to change the specialization must be in writing. Two new references must be submitted before the request can be acted on by the program director.

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
OBJECTIVES: the integrated curriculum and instructional specialization seeks to provide graduate instruction which enables students to:
1. develop integrative instructional strategies. This includes strategies for solving problems, and for making connections within subjects, with other subject areas, and with the everyday world.
2. develop integrative units and/or courses of study. This includes the ability to select worthy themes, develop essential questions, relate biblical truth to the subject matter, and make meaningful connections between academic disciplines.
3. use an understanding of the structure of knowledge and knowing as a basis for integrating the curriculum.

COURSES:
Students in this specialization are required to complete the following courses.

EDU 712  Shaping School Curriculum, K-12 (3 units)
EDU 735  Integrative Approaches to Curriculum (3 units)
EDU 730  Implementing Instructional Strategies (3 units)
EDU 738  Research & Practice in Teaching Content Fields (3 units)
EDU 750  The Nature of Knowledge & Curriculum Integration (3 units)
EDU 790  Project in Integrated Curriculum & Instruction (3 units)
Educational Leadership

Goals, objectives, knowledge base and philosophy of the Educational Leadership specialization.

The purpose of the educational leadership specialization at Covenant College is to prepare competent and compassionate educational leaders who practice their profession according to biblical guidelines in diverse educational settings. To this end, candidates apply acquired knowledge, skills, and dispositions as reflective practitioners who seek to be care-takers and peace-makers in today's world.

The Educational Leadership program is a part of the Teacher Education Program of Covenant College, and is consistent with and parallel to the overall Conceptual Framework for the Unit.

Candidates who complete the Educational Leadership Specialization demonstrate competence in the following standards.

1. The candidate applies a biblical world-view to all aspects of school leadership.
2. The candidate facilitates the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community.
3. The candidate advocates, nurtures, and sustains a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.
4. The candidate ensures management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.
5. The candidate collaborates with families and community members, responds to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizes community resources.
6. The candidate acts with integrity, fairness and in an ethical manner.
7. The candidate understands, responds to and influences the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.
Because the Educational Leadership program shares the vision expressed in the overall Conceptual Framework for the unit, the knowledge base for the Teacher Education Program also applies to the Educational Leadership Program.

In addition to a foundational core developed by the faculty of the College in accordance with the purposes of the College, the Educational Leadership program includes a teaching field and a professional education component. These components are designed to interpret the Conceptual Framework of the Education Department in a program for preparing school leaders.

These components also meet standards published by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, and are designed to reflect principles and standards expressed by the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC).

COURSES:
Students in this specialization are required to complete the following courses.

**EDU 720**  
Organizational Leadership (3 units)

**EDU 725**  
Development and Management of Personnel (3 units)

**EDU 740**  
Supervision of Instruction (3 units)

**EDU 745**  
School Law, Standards, & Policy (3 units)

**EDU 760**  
School Business Management (3 units)

**EDU 785**  
Field Experience in Educational Leadership (3 units)

GRADING
Grades in the Master of Education Program have the following meaning. Professors may modify standard letter grades with a plus or minus. All modifications are permissible except A+ and B-.

A is given for work of distinctly superior quality and quantity accompanied by unusual evidence of initiative, thoroughness and originality.

B is given for work showing the above qualities to a lesser extent.

C represents fulfillment of the minimum essentials of a course.

D represents unacceptable work. The course must be repeated to
be applied toward the degree.

F indicates failure. Any graduate student earning an F in a graduate course will be dismissed from the program.

P indicates passing graduate level work in EDU 785 or EDU 790. This grade is not computed in a student's grade point average.

I may be given to a student whose work has been of passing quality but has valid reason for not completing some requirement of the course. Removal of an Incomplete must be submitted by the instructor to the Office of Records by December 31 of the following term (year), or the Incomplete becomes a W. The student would need to retake the course to complete the degree requirements. Registration is not permitted if the student has more than one Incomplete.

U indicates unsatisfactory graduate level work in EDU 785 or EDU 790. The course may not be applied toward a graduate level degree.

W indicates official withdrawal from a course. The student receives no credit for that course or for work which may have been completed while registered for the course.

**Grade Point Average**

Grade point averages are computed on a 4.0 scale; that is, an A is assigned the value 4.0, a B is assigned 3.0, a C is assigned 2.0, and a D is assigned 1.0; only one course with the grade of C will be applied to graduation requirements. If a course is repeated, the most recent grade is used in computing the grade point average. No grade below B is accepted by transfer. A grade point average of 3.0 or better for graduate work applied toward the Master of Education Program is required for graduation.

**Graduate Record Exam (GRE)**

*See Requirements for Admission, pg. 12.*

The website for the GRE is [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org) from which GRE Information and Registration Bulletin may be downloaded. Answers to questions regarding registration, test centers, score reporting
procedures, etc. are available. The website also provides for online registration for a paper-based test administration. Information and registration bulletins are available upon request from the Master of Education office, (800) 677-3626. GRE phone numbers: General Inquiries: (609) 771-7670 Materials/Publications: (800) 537-3160 Fax: (609) 771-7906

**GRADUATION**

Students who expect to finish all degree requirements and graduate in May of any year must have completed all course and fiscal responsibilities by April 15 of the year in which the degree is to be awarded. Students are encouraged to take part in the May graduation exercise if possible.

**REGISTRATION**

Registration is conducted by mail. Registration packets are mailed to new students February 1 through April 15. Registration packets are mailed to returning students February 1. Registration materials which are late will be assessed a fee of $35. Registrations are not accepted after April 30. Returning students may not register if more than one course is incomplete and if tuition/fees/fines are outstanding.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students are expected to be in attendance at all on-campus sessions. One day of excused absence is permitted for an emergency. Two days of absence will result in the student’s being required to retake the on-campus portion of the course. Payment of tuition for the retake will not be required if circumstances were unavoidable. Appeals may be submitted in writing to the Dean of the program for consideration by the graduate faculty.

**STUDENT ADVISORS**

All individuals admitted to the Master of Education are assigned an academic advisor. Students are urged to contact their advisor regularly with questions they have about their program of studies.
CORE COURSES

EDU 610 - *Foundations for Curriculum Development*
A study of various foundational principles that guide in the selection of goals, content, and materials in the curriculum. Students evaluate these principles from a Christian perspective, and choose those appropriate for developing curricula for schools. Three units.

EDU 620 - *Introduction to Research*
A study of the nature of research, the development of research problems in education, and the selection and use of appropriate research methods. Emphasis is given to critical examination of the literature of educational research. On-campus session is two weeks. Three units.

EDU 630 - *Learning Theory Applied to Teaching*
A study of current learning theories. Behavioristic and cognitive learning theories and information-processing research are related to a Christian view of the learner and the learning process. Principles judged to be appropriate are then used to devise practical teaching and assessment methodologies. Three units.

EDU 650 - *The School in Society*
A study of culture as an integrated whole, the nature of cultural change and the role of the school in both facing and effecting change in society. Consideration is given to the nature and value of interdisciplinary study in communicating an integrated understanding of the school in society. Three units. *Prerequisite:* EDU 610.

COURSES IN INTEGRATED CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

EDU 712 – *Shaping School Curriculum, K-12*
An application of a biblical worldview to the processes and products of curriculum development and assessment for the K-12 school
or school system. The course will examine the steps in developing a course of study from a school’s mission statement through the assessment process. The issue of state and national standards will be addressed. Criteria will be developed for the evaluation of textbooks and other curriculum materials. Three units. *Prerequisite:* EDU 610.

**EDU 730 - Implementing Instructional Strategies**

A study of alternative strategies for planning instruction and assessment. The course focuses on patterns of thinking and on making natural connections within disciplines, across disciplines, and with the everyday world. Alternative instructional strategies are examined in the light of learning principles and research findings. Three units. *Prerequisite:* EDU 630.

**EDU 735 - Integrative Approaches to Curriculum**

A study of the theory and practice of integrative curriculum to include the individual teaching unit level and beyond. Units and/or courses of study are developed which reflect a biblical world-view and a proper understanding of the unity of knowledge and human experience. Students also study the process of change within school communities to encourage adoption of more integrative approaches to education where appropriate. Three units. *Prerequisites:* EDU 610, 630.

**EDU 738 - Research and Practice in Teaching Content fields**

An in-depth study of research and literature on teaching the content field specializations of students. Emphasis given to research with implications for instruction, and to current trends in the design of curricula and teaching practices in content fields. Three units. *Prerequisites:* EDU 620, 630.

**EDU 750 - The Nature of Knowledge and Curriculum Integration**

This course examines the epistemological foundations for an integrated school curriculum. It clarifies the structure of knowledge and shows how such a structure can justify and provide a model for integrating an academic curriculum. Three units. *Prerequisites:* EDU 610, or approval of ICI coordinator.
EDU 790 - Project in Integrated Curriculum and Instruction
A major project is completed which links research and theory with practice in school settings. The project typically builds on the plans for integrated curriculum and instruction developed in Edu 735, Integrative Approaches to Curriculum. Plans for integrated teaching from Edu 735 are implemented in the classroom in an action research format. The project report is evaluated by two graduate professors. Taken as independent study. Three units. Prerequisites: EDU 620, 735.

COURSES IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

EDU 720 - Organizational Leadership
A study of the basic principles and methods of organizational leadership. Students study the ability to establish, maintain, and nurture a positive school climate. This includes a study of such areas as leadership, planning, decision-making, and problem solving. Additionally, the course focuses on leadership issues such as motivation, conflict resolution, group dynamics, and the management of change. Three units. Prerequisite: EDU 610, 620.

EDU 725 - Development and Management of Personnel
A study of the educational leader in his or her role with faculty and staff. This includes a study of recruitment, selection, and hiring, personnel utilization/staffing, supervision/personnel evaluation and conferencing. Additionally, the course focuses on the use of job descriptions, staff development, adult learning, and the promotion of change. Three units. Prerequisites: EDU 720.

EDU 740 - Supervision of Instruction
A study of the nature and purpose of supervision. Students study instructional program design, effective teaching, classroom management, instructional strategies, teaching models, and conferencing. Three units. Prerequisites: EDU 720, 725.

EDU 745 - School Law, Standards and Policy
A study of the legal foundations of education—law, standards, and
policy. Students learn the basics of school law and finance, policy analysis at the federal, state, state board of education, and local levels, as well as information about state and local standards. Consideration is given to the role of Christian education in private schools under existing federal and state laws as well as the relationship of religion and state. Three units. Prerequisites: EDU 720, 725.

**EDU 760 - School Business Management**

A study of the principles and methods of fiscal management based upon a biblical perspective of the stewardship of time and resources. Students study budgeting, purchasing, warehousing, scheduling and time management, records management, physical facilities planning, maintenance and operations, and resource management. Three units. Prerequisites: EDU 720, 725.

**EDU 785 - Field Experience in Educational Leadership**

Students are given an opportunity to observe and participate in activities which deepen understanding and develop skills necessary for effective practice. Field based experiences are intended to extend course work to the school setting, providing real-life learning; these experiences are the critical link between theory and practice. The set of planned experiences involves at least 100 clock hours of participation. Experiences selected are made with the approval of the Coordinator of the Educational Leadership specialization. Students will enroll prior to their last summer of on-campus work. Three units. Prerequisites: EDU 720, 725.
Note: it is recommended that application materials be submitted at the earliest possible date.

**DEC-MAR**  
Receipt of application and supporting materials for admission.

**APR 30**  
Final deadline for receipt of completed registration materials and registration deposit.

**PRE-CAMPUS PHASE**  
**MAY 15**  
Last date pre-campus session begins

**ON-CAMPUS PHASE**  
**JUN 26-27**  
Orientation for new students

**JUN 27**  
Convocation Dinner for all students, faculty, personnel

**JUN 28-JUL 2**  
Ed 610: Foundations for Curriculum Development  
Ed 630 Learning Theory Applied to Teaching  
Ed 740 Supervision of Instruction

**JUL 5-9**  
Ed 620 Introduction to Research  
Ed 745 School Law, Standards, and Policy  
Ed 730 Implementing Instructional Strategies  
Ed 650 The School in Society

**JUL 12-16**  
Ed 720 Organizational Leadership  
Ed 712 Shaping School Curriculum K-12  
Ed 725 Development and Management of Personnel  
Ed 735 Integrative Approaches to Curriculum  
Ed 760 School Business Management  
Ed 738 Research and Practice in Teaching Content Fields

**POST-CAMPUS PHASE**  
**OCT 15-DEC 31**  
Completion of course requirements  
Courses end on varying dates

**FEB 28**  
Comprehensive examination

**APR 15**  
Completion of all course work and exams in order to graduate

**APR 15**  
Completion of incomplete course work in order to register

**APR 30**  
Final date to register; no registrations taken after this date

**MAY 8, 2004**  
Commencement
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**Integrated Curriculum and Instruction (ICI) Specialization**

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APPENDIX A

COVENANT COLLEGE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Covenant College is a Christ-centered institution of higher education, emphasizing liberal arts, and operated by a Board of Trustees elected by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, and it exists to provide post-secondary educational services to that denomination and the wider public. The college is committed to the Bible as the Word of God written, and accepts as its most adequate and comprehensive interpretation the summary contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms.

The focus of Covenant College is found in its motto, based on Colossians 1:18: “In all things Christ preeminent.” Acknowledging Christ pre-eminent as the creator of all things, as the redeemer of people fallen into sin, as the touchstone of all truth, and as the sovereign ruler over all areas of life, the college strives to discern and to unfold the implications of His preeminence in all things. To serve this end we seek to appropriate the mind of Christ as the biblical perspective from which we characterize and respond to reality. In attempting to make such a biblically grounded frame of reference explicit and operative, we are committed to excellence in academic inquiry, and we seek to define all areas of the college’s structure and program according to this understanding of our purpose.

We seek to implement our purpose in view of our belief that all human beings are created in the image of God and are, therefore, spiritual, moral, social beings who think, act, value, and exercise dominion. Because we are called to reflect in finite ways what God is infinitely, we attempt to institute programs designed to offer all students the opportunity to discover and give expression to their potential in each facet of their redeemed humanness. With these commitments in mind we seek to work together as a college community, responsibly striving, corporately and personally, to accomplish the following general aims in every area of life:
1. to see creation as the handiwork of God and to study it with wonder and respect;
2. to acknowledge the fallen nature of ourselves and of the rest of creation and to respond, in view of the renewal that begins with Christ’s redemption, by seeking to bring every thought and act into obedience to Him;
3. to reclaim the creation for God and redirect it to the service of God and humankind, receiving the many valuable insights into the structure of reality provided by the good hand of God through thinkers in every age, and seeking to interpret and re-form such insights according to the Scriptures;
4. to see learning as a continuous process and vocation;
5. to endeavor to think scripturally about culture so as to glorify God and promote true human advancement.

As an educational institution, Covenant College specifically seeks to provide educational services from a Christian perspective to the students who enroll. While the traditional undergraduate, on-campus programs remain the primary focus of the college, we recognize that the college also has a significant role to fulfill in the education of students in non-traditional categories.

A. Students in traditional on-campus programs are expected to become active participants in fulfilling the general aims just outlined. It is the college’s purpose to help these students make significant progress toward maturity in the following areas:

1. Identity in Christ. A Covenant student should be a person who is united with Christ and committed to Him. This union and commitment should lead to an understanding both of one’s sin and of one’s significance as a person redeemed by Christ, resulting in a growing awareness of purpose. This awareness of purpose should facilitate the development of goals, priorities, and practices that foster spiritual effectiveness and well-being, including the
emotional, social, physical, and intellectual aspects of the individual student.

2. **Biblical frame of reference.** Students should be acquiring the ability to orient their whole lives by a perspective based on scriptural revelation. For realization of this goal the following are important:
   a. Scriptural knowledge. Students should be acquiring a working knowledge of the Scriptures, rejoicing in their promises and allowing them to direct their thoughts and actions in every area of life.
   b. Academic inquiry. Students should be acquiring a broad appreciation of the various aspects of creation, becoming familiar with valid methods of inquiry into each area of study. Each student should be acquiring some depth in one or two academic disciplines.
   c. Analytical skills. Students should be acquiring the capacity for incisive, critical and logical thinking.
   d. Communication skills. Students should be acquiring the ability to communicate ideas clearly in both speaking and writing.

3. **Service that is Christ-like.**
   a. Students should be assuming responsibilities within a local congregation as well as in the community of all believers. This implies demonstrating a positive influence on others while at the same time accepting their loving concern.
   b. Students should be assuming responsibilities in society as servants of God. This involves a total life-calling to fulfill one's covenantal responsibilities as succinctly summarized in Genesis 1:28 and Matthew 28:18-20, including not only the student's specific vocation, but all other activities as well.

**B. Students participating in external or other non-traditional programs display a wide variety of backgrounds, purposes, and needs. Non-traditional programs are designed to meet the many diverse situations**
encountered; but, because God calls us to proclaim a Christian perspective on reality in the marketplace of society, such programs are seen as a significant part of our educational mission.

Although students in non-traditional programs may not be able to participate fully in accomplishing the general aims outlined earlier in this statement, faculty members in such programs will teach from the Christian educational perspective of the college.
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