

Grace College Offers Master of Education Degree Online

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June 3, 2009 - [PRLog](#) -- More than half of current teachers in Indiana and approximately half of all teachers nationwide are entering retirement age and creating a high number of open teaching positions. Professional development for teachers is the key to remaining competitive and creating sustainability in the field of education. Therefore, current teachers must continue to learn and improve upon their own practice to achieve their professional goals.

Grace College, an evangelical Christian, liberal arts institution located in Winona Lake, Indiana, has noticed this trend and expanded its teaching programs by offering a new online Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree to enable more teachers to reach their professional development goals. The degree will help current teachers learn useful, practical skills that will directly improve their teaching abilities and lead to increased student learning.

Students can earn a Master of Education degree from Grace College in two years, with courses offered through a combination of on-campus and online opportunities. Along with the required core courses of 24 credit hours, Grace College requires students to take 12 hours in a specialized cognate area to complete the 36 credit hour degree program. Encompassing the areas of leadership, literacy, special education, Christian school teaching, and generalist teaching, these cognate areas will provide students with opportunities to develop specialized knowledge and skills.

Candidates will begin the program with an introductory course that helps them formulate a successful professional development plan. Throughout the Master of Education program, candidates will encounter a variety of coursework that will assist them in meeting the professional development plan objectives, which all teachers must submit to the Indiana Professional Standards Board for license renewal. Students will also develop the knowledge needed to apply for National Board Certification. The program ends with a professional capstone course in which a portfolio is presented to document their professional growth during the program.

The Master of Education online program from Grace College will create an environment where teachers can become more decorous professionals and develop their ability to influence their community, school and classroom. Candidates applying for the program must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 for all college work, a valid teaching license or eligibility for a license, three reference letters from educational professionals and a personal essay relating graduate study to professional goals as an educator. Anyone interested in applying for the online master of education program should visit www.elearnportal.com/grace for more information.

About Grace College

Grace College is an evangelical Christian, liberal arts institution that applies biblical values in strengthening character, sharpening competence and preparing for service. Grace enrolls 1,200 students from 37 states and 17 countries who represent 30 denominations and many non-denominational churches in more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The academic, residential, athletic and social aspects of the college are designed to encourage intellectual and spiritual growth in a supportive campus community. For more information, visit www.elearnportal.com/grace.

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