

Overview: New Online MSED Concentrations

The online MSED program with Academic Partnerships was rolled out Fall term 2019 with three concentrations (Adult Education, Leadership in Early Childhood Education, Curriculum and Instruction in STEM,). In order to expand enrollment, we have worked with AP to identify additional desirable concentrations that align well with our existing curriculum. As a result, five new concentrations are proposed for the online MSED degree program:

- [Adult Education, English as a Second Language](#)
- [Curriculum and Instruction](#)
- [Leadership in Higher Education](#)
- [Public Health Education](#)
- [Reading and Literacy](#) (concentration courses proposed will also stand alone for a Reading Endorsement for licensed teachers in Oregon, rendering these courses even more marketable)

The Reading and Literacy concentration is already in the books, while the others consist primarily of existing courses, nearly all of which are currently offered online as 10-week courses or in the seven-week online format. A total of six new courses are proposed to substantiate the other concentrations. New course proposals are linked to the concentration proposals for quick reference. Each concentration proposal also includes a link to an “Outcomes and Course Descriptions” page which provides further details.

The only changes to existing courses are in the Reading and Literacy program. Four of these courses will be further elaborated to justify an increase from 3 credits to 4. The additional credit of instruction is intended to support increased differentiation for diverse student audiences, particularly among those teaching in K-12 classrooms and those working in other settings. The course redesign process will be facilitated by instructional designers at Academic Partnerships and courses will be thoroughly reviewed within the Quality Matters framework to ensure rigorous, high-quality online courses.

Each concentration consists of five courses totalling 20 credits. With the exception of the Public Health Education concentration, all of the courses are offered within Education. Those students will also take two courses offered by the MBA program, as [agreed to by the MBA program coordinator](#). The Library has confirmed that its [resources are adequate](#) to meet the needs of students in these additional concentrations.

Please see this [summary of catalog changes](#) for specifics.