

Specialist in Education Degree

Middle Tennessee State University offers the Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) degree in Administration and Supervision and in Curriculum and Instruction. The Ed.S. degree is provided specifically for teachers, counselors, and administrators wishing to pursue graduate study beyond the master's level. The Ed.S. in Administration and Supervision is available through the Department of Educational Leadership. The Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction is offered by both the Department of Educational Leadership and the Department of Elementary and Special Education. The Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in School Psychology is offered by the Department of Psychology.

Common Requirements for All Specialist Degree Programs

All specialist candidates must

1. complete all applicable coursework **after** receipt of the master's degree.
2. file a degree plan with the College of Graduate Studies prior to the completion of 21 credit hours. No courses at the 5000 level or lower may apply toward the specialist degree.
3. successfully complete a written (and/or oral) comprehensive examination. The examination may be taken no more than twice.
4. complete all specific graduate program requirements. These additional specific degree requirements are found under the applicable department.

Second Specialist Degree from MTSU

An individual who has received one specialist degree from MTSU may obtain a second specialist degree with a minimum of 24 additional semester hours of graduate coursework earned at MTSU if approved in advance by the graduate program and the graduate dean. No transfer coursework is accepted towards the second specialist degree. All specific course requirements must be met for the second degree (except FOED 7060, Seminar in Educational Foundations, and SPSE 7130, The Curriculum: Structures and Functions), including the written comprehensive examinations and thesis (if relevant). All semester hours must be earned after the first specialist degree has been conferred.