



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

WARRENSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT and UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes the coordination of activities between the University of Central Missouri (UCM) and the Warrensburg School District, cooperatively offering 30 credit hours toward an MSE in Curriculum and Instruction. This program is designed for those already holding certification in secondary, middle level, or K-12 (art, music, PE) who wish to grow professionally by enhancing and deepening their educational knowledge and teaching practices.

- UCM and Warrensburg School District will provide the following credit courses:
 - Summer 2025
 - EDFL 5900: Introduction to Research [UCM Graduate Faculty]
 - Fall 2025
 - EDFL 5340: Contemporary Instruction: Theory & Practice [Affiliated Faculty]
 - EDFL 5130: Middle School Foundations (middle level option only) [UCM Graduate Faculty], or an elective course listed below (K-12 and secondary education options) * [UCM Graduate Faculty]
 - Spring 2026
 - An elective course listed below (for all three options)* [UCM Graduate Faculty] EDFL 5320: Curriculum Development & Assessment (K-12 and secondary education options) [Affiliated Faculty], or
 - EDFL 5440: Middle School Curriculum & Instruction (middle level option) [UCM Graduate Faculty]
 - Summer 2026
 - EDFL 5120: Advanced Foundations of Education [UCM Graduate Faculty]
 - Fall 2026
 - EDFL 5330: Classroom Discipline & Motivation* [Affiliated Faculty]
 - EDFL 5400: Differentiation in K-12 Learning Environments [UCM Graduate Faculty]
 - Spring 2027
 - EDFL 5410: Advanced Curriculum Development & Assessment [Affiliated Faculty]
 - EDFL 6110: Capstone [UCM Graduate Faculty]
- 9 credit hours of electives are allowed for the K-12 and secondary education options.
- 6 credit hours of electives are allowed for the middle level education option.



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- * EDFL 5330: Classroom Discipline & Motivation is an elective. Additional electives can be taken from the following: EDFL 5200: Advanced Educational Psychology, EDFL 5208: Content Area Literacy, or EDFL 5300: Advanced Assessment and Evaluation.
- During the Fall and Spring semesters, one of the two classes is taught online by UCM graduate faculty, and the other classes are taught by Affiliated Faculty (as hybrids or online) with specific school contexts in mind. See below for details about Affiliated Faculty.
- Students enrolled in the cohort will receive a 20% scholarship applied to the board-approved Graduate Cohort Tuition Rate. Students will incur only a technology fee.
- Some courses may be taught by an “Affiliated Faculty Cadre” of Warrensburg School District employees consisting of qualified district educators for teaching some of the courses to foster school-specific assignments/authentic learning experiences and work-embedded professional development. These district employees must meet minimum UCM graduate faculty qualifications and will be hired as adjunct instructors, as mutually agreed upon and paid by UCM for such services.
- Warrensburg School District will assist in the recruitment of teachers who wish to enroll in the above-mentioned courses.
- Students will pay tuition and fees directly to UCM.
- The typical pace of taking courses is approximately six (6) credit hours per semester (fall and spring) and three (3) credit hours for each summer semester.
- The classes taught by Affiliated Faculty can be small and site-specific in focus, while the online classes combine with other students for larger exchanges of information and dialog (and offsetting cost efficiencies).
- Completion of the program, in addition to the graduate degree, also leads to three UCM Academic Badges: Curriculum Design, Assessment, and Classroom Management.
- Students must meet the minimum qualifications for admission to UCM’s Graduate Studies and the academic program as outlined below. Students will incur an application fee (currently \$30, subject to change).
 - Have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited or National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education institution with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5
 - Submit proof of teacher certification or provide a professional endorsement from any of the 50 states or territories.
 - Submit a copy of a recent summative teaching evaluation (i.e., a PBTE or similar evaluation form) or a letter from a school superintendent, principal, or professor attesting to teaching abilities and graduate school potential.
 - Apply for admission (including submission of official undergraduate transcripts and graduate transcripts, if applicable).
- Students must successfully complete courses to continue in the program.
- Students may also incur a graduation fee upon the conclusion of the degree (currently \$50, subject to change).
- This MOU will begin in Summer 2025 and stay in effect for a total of six semesters, ending after the Spring 2027 semester.



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