

MAPD - Math Pedagogy

MAPD 601 Number and Operations for PK-8 Mathematics Specialists (3 Credit Hours)

This course will meet the requirements of students in the Master of Science in Education: PK-8 Mathematics Specialist Endorsement Program, and cannot be used for credit toward any degree offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. The course introduces students to a number of topics in PK-8 mathematics and related pedagogical methods. Acknowledging that learning with understanding occurs through a process of establishing a solid knowledge base upon which to build, students will explore the many and varied ways in which PK-8 students may develop number sense. The focus will be upon the development of best practices for teaching mathematics. This requires that the student have knowledge of the content, use a variety of pedagogical approaches, and be able to select and utilize appropriate manipulatives and technological resources that will foster PK-8 student understanding.

MAPD 602 Geometry and Measurement for PK-8 Mathematics Specialists (3 Credit Hours)

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MAPD 603 Rational Numbers and Proportional Reasoning for PK-8 Mathematics Specialists (3 Credit Hours)

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MAPD 604 Probability and Statistics for PK-8 Mathematics Specialists (3 Credit Hours)

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MAPD 605 Algebra and Functions for PK-8 Mathematics Specialists (3 Credit Hours)

This course will meet the requirements of students in the Master of Science in Education: PK-8 Mathematics Specialist Endorsement Program and cannot be used for credit toward any degree offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. The course introduces students to algebraic topics in PK-12 mathematics and related pedagogical methods. Topics will focus on making connections between arithmetic and algebra and transitioning concrete arithmetic thinking to abstract algebraic thinking. Technology will be included to enhance students' algebraic understanding and sense making.