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SECTION I. MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Welcome to the Master’s in Curriculum & Instruction.

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Program Admission Requirements

- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate course work taken at any accredited college or University attended Foreign College credits/transcripts require an official foreign evaluation. TAMU-CC transcript is not required.

- Essay (Approximately 300-400 words in length which includes information about their reasons for pursuing graduate study and for choosing this specific graduate program)
**Program Admission Deadlines**

**Domestic Students:**
*Priority deadline to receive complete applications:*

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**International Students:**
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**Admission Review Process/ Timeline**

Complete application should be received for full admissions and funding consideration.
SECTION IV. ACADEMIC PROGRESSION

Program Degree Requirements

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Graduate Advisory Committee

Not applicable.

Degree Plan

Specialization Area (15 semester credit hours)

Interdisciplinary (courses chosen with advisor's approval)

Institutional Requirement (6 semester credit hours)

EDFN 5301 - Introduction to Research

ERST 5302 - Studies in Equality of Educational Opportunities

Curriculum and Instruction (15 semester credit hours)

EDCI 5340 - Instructional Techniques for Effective Teaching

EDCI 5361 - Educational Assessment

EDCI 5362 - Theoretical Bases for Curriculum
**Culminating Event/Exit Requirements**

**Capstone Experience**

All students are required to take EDCI 5389 and complete a capstone experience within this course. Candidates for this degree must successfully present and defend a capstone project to a faculty panel.

### SECTION V. COURSE OFFERING SEQUENCE

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### SECTION VI. PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION

**Student Organizations**  Not applicable  
**Program/College Awards**  Not applicable  
**Conferences to Attend**

ME by the SEa is a math and science education conference held on the campus of TAMUCC the second Friday of June. Current and former graduates of the program are invited to present.

### SECTION VII. REQUIREMENTS THAT EXCEED THE COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES REQUIREMENTS OR EXAMPLES, E.G., THESIS ABSTRACTS

Not applicable