

PROGRAM PLANNING SHEET

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

Department of Instructional Technology
Utah State University

Overview: The goal of the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) program is to prepare students with advanced skills in instructional technology beyond those acquired with the master's degree. Students with this degree are prepared to assume leadership positions in industry, business, education, government and private organizations.

Program: The program focus is practical and applied but grounded in theory. Students with a Master's degree in Instructional Technology are required to take a minimum of 30 credits. Students with a Master's degree in another field are required to take a minimum of 42 credits. Students may choose from four areas of emphasis: interactive instructional tool building, advanced interactive multimedia design, adult and distance education, or evaluation. This program involves coursework, independent study, practicum experiences and a final project.

Core Classes	InsT 7000 Pro-Seminar I in Instructional Technology (3 Credits) InsT 7010 Pro-Seminar II in Instructional Technology (3 Credits) Total Core Credit Hours: 6 <i>An Ed.S. student holding a master's degree in a field other than Instructional Technology will be required to complete InsT 6080 (6 credits), InsT 6250 (3 credits) and InsT 6260 (3 credits) in addition to the normal 30 credits. This will result in a 42-credit program.</i>
Electives	InsT 7140 Designing Instructional Design Systems (3 Credits) InsT 7150 Advanced Instructional Design Theory (3 Credits) InsT 7160 Advanced Learning Theory for Instructional Technology (3 Credits) InsT 7170 Designing Instructional Design Tools (3 Credits) InsT 7180 Advanced Techniques for Instructional Technology Production (3 Credits) InsT 7190 International & Multicultural Aspects of Instructional Technology (3 Credits) InsT 7200 Advanced Research in Instructional Technology (3 Credits) Psy 6010 Program Evaluation in Psychology and Education (3 Credits) Total Elective Credit Hours: 13 – 25 <i>Students should select courses from this list and/or other 6000 or 7000 level Instructional Technology courses. Courses from outside the department or college may be accepted subject to approval by the student's committee.</i>
Research	EDUC 6570 Introduction to Psychology and Educational Research (3 Credits) (Prerequisite Psy. 3800: Intro to Educ/Psych Statistics) InsT 7810 Research Seminar (1-credit, repeatable) (2 Credits*) InsT 7960 Practicum (6 Credits**) Total Research Credit Hours: 11 <i>* Ed.S. students must enroll for 1 credit of Research Seminar every semester they are in residence. This may increase the total credits for the degree, depending on how many semesters the student takes to complete the degree.</i> <i>** Ed.S. students may choose between either an externship or a developmental project for the practicum. Externships must be full-time (40 hours per week) for 14 weeks.</i>

Additional Requirements

1. Proposal approved by student's three-person committee (student should select chairperson the first semester).
2. Formal, written report of the practicum (to be presented at final defense).

Suggested Courses Sequence			Credits
Prior to Degree Summer Semester	Inst 7900	Seminar for Advanced Graduate study	1
First Fall Semester	InsT 7000	Pro Seminar I	3
	InsT 6870	Current Issues Seminar	3
First Spring Semester	InsT 7010	Pro Seminar II	3
	InsT 6490	Instructional Technology and Adult Education	3
First Summer Semester	InsT 7150*	Advanced Seminar in Instructional Technology Select one of the following two courses.	3
	InsT 7900**	Independent Study (or choose InsT 7910)	3
	InsT 7910**	Independent Research (or choose InsT 7900)	3
Second Fall Semester	InsT 7200	Research in Instructional Technology I	3
	EDUC 6570	Introduction to Educational and Psychological Research	3
Second Spring Semester	InsT 7300	Research in Instructional Technology II	3
	InsT 7870	Current Issues Seminar	3
Second Summer Semester	InsT 7960***	Practicum for the Educational Specialist Degree	3-6
<p>* Nine hours must be completed for a Ph.D.</p> <p>** Six Credits must be completed of each for a Ph.D.</p> <p>*** This practicum will complete you EdS degree. A proposal is required and must be approved by your graduate committee. Your final project it must be defended in front of a three member graduate committee.</p>			