

Professional Education Specialist (EdS) Program Planning Sheet

Department of Instructional Technology & Learning Sciences Utah State University

Overview: The goal of the Educational Specialist (EdS) program is to prepare students with advanced skills in instructional technology and learning sciences beyond those acquired in a master's degree program. Students with this degree are prepared to assume leadership positions in industry, business, education, government and private organizations. This program involves coursework, independent study, and practica experience or a final project. The program focus is practical and applied, but grounded in theory and research.

Program Requirements: 30 credits minimum are required for the EdS with a master's degree in Instructional Technology or Learning Sciences. Students with a master's degree in a field other than Instructional Technology or Learning Sciences will be required to complete the ITLS master's core (an additional 9 credits), for a minimum of 39 credits.

Required Core Courses (7 credits)			Credits	Fall	Spring	Summer	Prerequisites
ITLS	6300	ITLS Orientation	1	F2F			
ITLS	7000	Pro-seminar in Instructional Technology	3	F2F			Program Admittance
ITLS	7300	Research in Instructional Technology & Learning Sciences	3		F2F		EDUC 6570 & ITLS 7000

Required Research Methods Course (3 credits)							
EDUC	6570	Research Methods	3	F2F/ online	F2F/ online	F2F	

Required Practicum (minimum 6 credits)							
ITLS	7960	Externship* (40 hours/wk, 14 wk min)	1-9	ARR	ARR	ARR	
ITLS	7960	Developmental Project	1-9	ARR	ARR	ARR	

Elective Courses (minimum 14 credits)							
Any ITLS course at the 6000 level or above.							
Any graduate course across USU departments at the 6000 level or above, with advisor approval.							

For students who do not have a master's degree in instructional technology or learning sciences or students who have only a bachelor's degree, the following ITLS master's core courses are required.

MS Required Core Courses (9 credits)			Credits	Fall	Spring	Summer
ITLS	6350	Instructional Design I	3		F2F	
ITLS	6540	Learning Theory	3	F2F		
ITLS	6535	Design Thinking	3	F2F		