The Carson-Newman School of Education has a well-deserved reputation for equipping and preparing educators of the highest quality, and a rich history of educators that have made important contributions to the teaching profession. Our graduates are exceptional, highly sought after educators. Our programs equip teachers, administrators, counselors, and researchers with a strong foundation for managing today’s challenges in education and to be agents of change. With a strong tradition in teacher education, our graduates make a difference in their classrooms and communities around the world.

"Exemplary educators are lifelong learners!" Local educators have benefitted from our high-quality, flexible master’s programs for more than 20 years. Now, we are pleased to offer educators around the world the same Carson-Newman master’s degree quality in an online format. Our faculty members plan the online program and individual courses to fit the busy educator’s schedule. The Master of Education builds leadership skills, and it can be customized to provide for specialization as an administrator, reading specialist, or athletic coach.

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Reading specialists assume multiple roles, depending on the needs of students and teachers, and provide services at all grade levels—pre-kindergarten, elementary, middle grades, and high school. They support classroom instruction by planning and collaborating with teachers, modeling effective reading and literacy instruction in classrooms, demonstrating multiple teaching and assessment strategies, and providing specialized support to students to supplement and extend classroom instruction. Reading specialists provide leadership in developing the literacy program and the curriculum. They help identify students at risk of referral to special education due mainly to difficulty in learning to read.

Educational Leadership
The Educational Leadership Master’s program leads to licensure as a Beginning Instructional Leader in the state of Tennessee. The purpose of the Educational Leadership (licensure option) program is to prepare effective school leaders who have a comprehensive understanding of schools and classroom practices, and who can implement data-driven school, curriculum, and instructional practices that contribute to student achievement. In addition to the licensure option, a non-licensure option is available for those who wish to work in leadership positions in organizations outside of the public education system.

MEd program goals
• Assure that candidates have extensive knowledge of leadership and change within educational and other societal institutions
• Develop candidates who can analyze and interpret school and primary research data, and can conduct action research to effect change
• Produce candidates with the skills to foster and maintain relationships within the school, and with the district, parents, and community members to support school achievement

MEd Curriculum and Instruction
The Master of Education program provides professional development for licensed PreK-12 teachers. The program emphasizes the development of the teacher as a school leader within the classroom environment by focusing on strategies for using data effectively to manage change that benefits students and the school.

Coaching Option for the MEd
Coaching education courses are designed to provide a formal program of education for those individuals who are interested in becoming successful coaches or who are currently coaching and want additional education. The standards set by the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE) are the basis for the coursework. Courses are appropriate for currently licensed teachers who are renewing their licensure and for individuals who are looking to further their coaching knowledge.

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