

ACCREDITATION

Intensive professional training is provided to ensure the development of highly motivated, self-disciplined M.A. graduates. Candidates can be assured their Winthrop degree meets the rigorous professional standards of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), of which the university is an institutional accredited member.



MASTER OF ARTS ART EDUCATION



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COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

M.A. IN ART EDUCATION AT WINTHROP CREATIVITY + COMMUNITY + COLLABORATION

The Master of Arts degree program in art education is designed for certified art teachers who wish to continue their professional/educational development. The program provides opportunities for current art teachers to improve skills in studio art and to strengthen their knowledge of art history as well as K-12 art education methodology.

The 36 semester-hour low residency, lock-step cohort program addresses both elementary and secondary levels with an emphasis placed on the value of creative problem solving, leadership, and innovation within the field. The two-year program meets one weekend each month during fall and spring semesters for a total of 16 sessions as well as two, two-week summer workshops. Participants will be admitted every two years beginning with the summer workshop session.

- Two-years—beginning with the two-week summer session
- 36 credit hours—art education, education, art history, studio
- Low-residency—classes meet on Friday night and Saturday during the fall and spring semesters and for two weeks in the summer
- Cohort—students move through the program together
- Lock-step—all courses follow in sequence
- The program emphasizes creative-design problem solving, curriculum development, leadership and empowerment of students.
- Cohorts are accepted on a two-year rotation cycle.

WHY WINTHROP'S M.A. IN ART EDUCATION PROGRAM

- The program is tailored to pushing students' interests to their fullest.
- The program's size allows for personalized attention.
- The program is about engaged faculty and students.
- The program supports an active community of artists/educators.
- The program is about developing and nurturing leaders in art education.
- The program is located in the region's fastest growing professional arts community.

In the ever-changing global experience, Winthrop's Department of Fine Arts acknowledges the importance of developing and nurturing the citizen/artist/educator who can navigate ideas of our time and serve as acknowledged leaders in the field of art education.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For full admission to the M.A. degree program in art education, all applicants must submit the application and all supporting materials to the Graduate School by the published university deadlines.

Applications to the program are due every two years on February 15, beginning in 2010. In addition, to be eligible for admission to the degree program, the applicant must:

1. Submit an official baccalaureate degree transcript (sent directly to Winthrop from the issuing institution) from an accredited institution. A major in art education, or its equivalent, is required;

2. Submit an official satisfactory score on either the General Text of the Graduate Record Examination, the Miller Analogies Test, or PRAXIS examination. If the applicant's overall undergraduate grade-point average is less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, the applicant must score 800 or better on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (verbal and quantitative sections), or score 40 or better on the Miller Analogies Test, or an acceptable score on the PRAXIS examination;
3. Submit a current South Carolina Class III Teaching Certificate or equivalent from another state;
4. Submit a resume;
5. Submit two letters of recommendation from professional practitioners;
6. Submit a statement of the applicant's philosophy of teaching and his or her goals for graduate study; and
7. Interview with the program director.

FIND OUT MORE

To find out more about the M.A. in art education program and the Department of Fine Arts at Winthrop University, you may want to schedule a tour in the department. You may also want to sit in on a graduate class, meet current M.A. candidates, talk to our teaching artists and scholars or see the work that students and faculty are currently producing at Winthrop. Please do not hesitate to find out more and make an informed decision about your future as an artist in the 21st century.

