

## **Educational Specialist (Ed. S.)**

**Educational Specialist** graduates exemplify the highest standards of teaching and serve as mentors to others in their fields. They apply personal and systematic reflection to all aspects of professional growth and development. They possess extended knowledge of research as it applies to the classroom setting and they are able to utilize technology and research in order to improve their classrooms and schools through grantsmanship, focused inquiry, and reflective practice. Many are pursuing or have already attained National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification, and they are committed to life-long learning.

Educational Specialist Degree Candidates complete 66 hours of graduate study beyond the bachelor's degree (36 hours above the M. Ed.). The Educational Specialist degree offers candidates a program with emphasis in elementary, secondary, or special education. The program is intended for candidates who wish to earn a post master's graduate degree that leads to a AAA certification.

All Educational Specialist candidates complete a manuscript for submission to a refereed journal, present the manuscript to departmental faculty, and complete 65 clock hours of a variety of field based opportunities.