



MAED By The Numbers

+20 Years

+1,000 Graduates Since 2001

100% Online

30 Credits

6 Concentration Areas

1:1 Academic Advising



The MAED Student Experience

- Courses are **100% online** taught by College of Education faculty & advanced doctoral students
- Most MAED students are **full-time educators**
- Courses are **interactive** and often encourage **collaboration**, but designed to **accommodate** educators from around the world
- **Helpful Rule of Thumb**
2 hours/credit outside of class =
9 hours/week per 3-credit course
- Most students complete their program in **two years**

How & When to Apply

Apply Online

- Complete your application online:
explore.msu.edu/apply
- Application Instructions:
education.msu.edu/maed/apply

Annual Deadlines

- Oct. 1 for Spring Semester
- March 1 for Summer Semester
- June 1 for Fall Semester

Application Requirements

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- Bachelor's degree
- Minimum 3.0 overall GPA
- For international applicants:
English language competency
test scores

Note: The GRE is **not required**

Materials

- Official transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- Professional goal statement
- Resume/CV

Official Transcripts

- To be considered official, your transcripts must be sent **directly from your degree-granting institution** to MSU
- Can be sent electronically to **onlineed@msu.edu**
- MSU grads do not need to request official transcripts. We recommend you upload an unofficial copy to the portal (available through student.msu.edu)



Letters of Recommendation

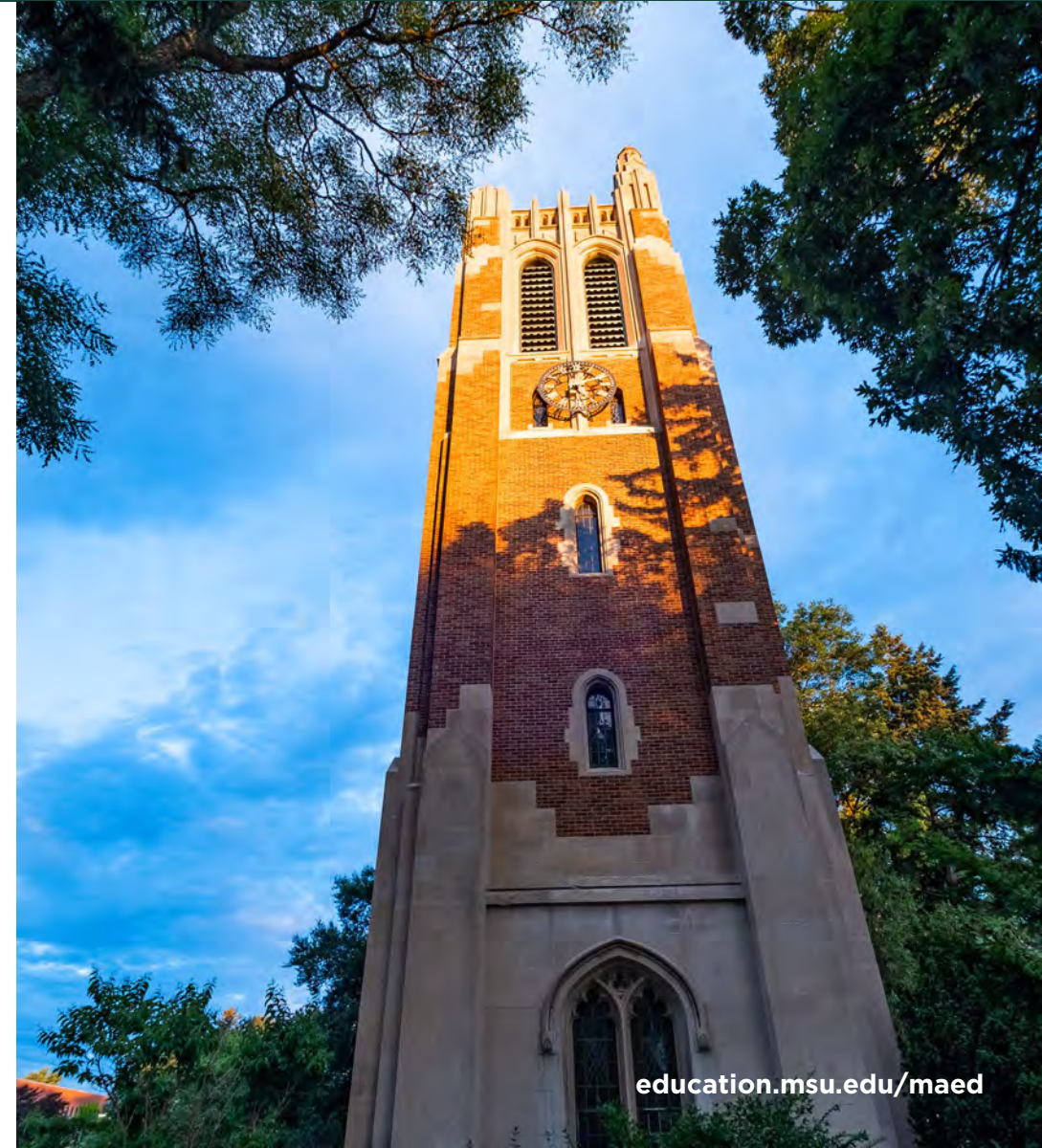
- **Three people familiar with your academic and professional accomplishments and potential for success**
- **Two letters should be from [current or past supervisors](#)**
- **One letter should be from a [current or past professor, academic advisor or field instructor](#)**



Professional Goal Statement

Address the following questions (in roughly **750 words**):

- Your **professional goals** and how you believe pursuing this master's degree will help you achieve them
- Your choice of concentration area
- How an online master's program will fit **your goals and characteristics as a learner**



Specifying Your Professional Goals

The MAED is designed for all educators who want to **enhance their professional practice through advanced study** related to teaching, learning, and leadership.

This online master's degree is relevant to a broad range of P-12 and postsecondary careers both inside and beyond the classroom, including teachers, school administrators, coaches, and adult educators.

- How are you currently positioned in an educator role?
- What is it about this program, specifically, that will enable you to accomplish your professional enhancement?
- What are your own learning objectives?
- What do you plan on being able to do after completing this experience of advanced study?

Sample Statement Snippet #1

"I am applying to this program because I am a passionate teacher who cares deeply about education. Receiving a Master of Arts in Education will enable me to learn more about education so that I can better support my students in the future."

Sample Statement Snippet #2

"In my role as a high school English teacher, I've noticed that my students will eagerly connect literary concepts to the narratives of videogames they have played. Consequently, I have sought to more intentionally implement content about videogames into the literature classes that I teach. Doing so has incited my interests in videogames as a form of media literacy and in the potentials of games-based learning for literature education and assessment. Therefore, as a student in the MAED program, I will pursue a primary concentration in Literacy Education and a secondary concentration in Technology and Learning. Indeed, the program's opportunities for multiple concentrations are uniquely suited to my interdisciplinary needs. In particular, courses like CEP 813, Electronic Assessment for Teaching and Learning, will support me in achieving my learning goals."

Don'ts & Dos of Writing Your Statement

Don't:

- use "passionate" as a rationale
- use "it would be such an honor to be in this prestigious program" as a rationale
- be vague
- forget to include your primary concentration area

Do:

- provide a narrative of your educational background, present, and future
- show, don't tell – be concrete and specific
- your research on the program
- include your primary concentration area – and relevant courses
- consider scheduling a meeting with John Olle (ollejohn@msu.edu) to ensure that your goals align with the program