Instruction & Curriculum Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Kassie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Grand Valley's Master of Education in Instruction and Curriculum Elementary Education emphasis graduate program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The Master of Education in Instruction and Curriculum opens up a number of career opportunities for professional renewal and development of educators. The Elementary Education emphasis prepares graduates in advanced content area instructional methods for the elementary classroom, curriculum development, assessment practices, and building a positive school and classroom environment. Students also engage in a research application course where they address a problem relevant to elementary teaching. This is a 33 credit hour program and can be completed in 2 years as a full-time student or up to 8 years as a part-time student.

As I mentioned, the Master of Education in Instruction and Curriculum program at GVSU is a 33 credit hour program. The Elementary Education emphasis requires that students complete a 3 credit hour social foundation course, a 3 credit hour research foundation course, 9 credit hours of core courses, 12 credit hours of emphasis area related courses, a 3 credit hour capstone, and a 3 credit hour practicum field experience. For a complete listing of all courses, please visit www.gvsu.edu/grad/instruction.

Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a $30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

In addition, this program requires that candidates submit one professional or academic recommendation and have a grade point average of 3.0 or better for the last 60 credits of undergraduate coursework. A prior master's degree from a regionally accredited institution will be accepted in lieu of the minimum grade point average. More program details as well as the online application can be found on the Instruction and Curriculum website, www.gvsu.edu/grad/instruction.

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

The Master of Education in Instruction and Curriculum program is distinguished for a number of reasons. GVSU's College of Education and Community Innovation is accredited by and adheres to the standards set forth by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. Faculty in this

program are leaders in their fields, melding together the philosophy of education and your needs as a practitioner. Classes are offered in the evening, on weekends, and in the summer semester as well as online making it easier for teachers and administrators to plan their schedules.

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Education in Instruction and Curriculum Elementary Education emphasis graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to Dr. Ellen Schiller at schillee@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.