

## Getting your M.A. at The Ohio State University Newark

### **The Structure of the MA Program:**

The Teaching and Learning MA offered through Ohio State Newark is the same program offered on any of the Ohio State campuses. In that sense courses taken at any Ohio State campus can potentially be a part of your M.A. However, we have a special delivery here at Ohio State Newark that we think affords you a greater range of courses and emphases.

Once accepted into the M.A., the student is assigned a faculty advisor with whom you make many of the decisions listed below. The program has 4 core courses that are required for all students, with all remaining courses chosen as clusters in different areas of focus. Areas of focus and associated coursework are decided upon by the student in consultation with her or his faculty advisor. An example of a cluster with an area of focus might be mathematics education, early childhood, interdisciplinary teaching, equity and diversity with special needs, reading, middle childhood, general pedagogy, history and social studies,.... and many others.

### **Possibilities for coursework (to be decided as you work with your faculty advisor)**

Faculty know of courses suitable for various areas of emphases. But coursework can be taken for endorsements and be applied at the same time as credit in the M.A. The endorsements offered in whole or in part at Newark are

P6 Mathematics Specialists Endorsement (link to same page as P6MSE link on home page)

Reading Endorsement (link to same page as Reading link on home page)

Early Childhood 4-5 Generalist Endorsement (link to same page as EC 4-5 link on home page)

Middle Childhood Generalist Endorsement (link to same page as MC Gen Endorsement link on home page)

### **Applying to the MA: The Graduate School and The School of Teaching and Learning**

Most of the application process is on-line through the OSU Graduate School. One may start the application process by going to <http://gradadmissions.osu.edu/>. Some of the process may involve hard copy of materials sent to the School of Teaching and Learning (T&L). Follow the online directions for application. At some point you will have an opportunity to choose Newark Campus as your preferred campus.

If Newark is your preferred campus, once T&L has processed your materials, they forward them to Newark where the Ohio State Newark Education faculty decide on our acceptance. T&L and the graduate school then make further decisions and communicate with the student.

Also see the M.A. Application checklist link for more information.

### **What to have ready for the application process.**

References: Please preference academics – someone who can speak at the college level to your ability to do graduate level work. References from your former or current professors, from any institution or content area, make for the strongest application.

Letter of intent: Please reference your interests, something in the research that you have experienced in your teaching, and which campus you are interested in taking at least the majority of your classes on.

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Possibly more...

### **Graduate Non-Degree status and the 10-hour rule**

If you start taking Ohio State courses before your application has been accepted, you can transfer those only up to 10 OSU credits into the graduate program you are applying too, once you are accepted. However, please note that **only 10 OSU GND** hours can be transferred into your new program.