Online Master of Education
and Certificate in Medical Education

Designed for physicians and health care professionals
Why Our Program?

Achieve success as a medical educator, scholar, and leader and earn an advanced degree with the convenience and flexibility of online learning.

Our programs are designed to address your unique needs as a health care professional who wants to develop advanced teaching skills and gain knowledge that has a direct impact on your daily activities. This practical program will provide you with contemporary knowledge in educational theory, effective instructional techniques and educational research. The program is offered entirely online, with NO residency or travel requirements.

This well-respected program has been offered since 2001 through a unique collaboration between Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati. It is offered by the University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services. The degree is granted by the University of Cincinnati, which is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission and the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Educator

Our rigorous, relevant curriculum focused on the practical application of theoretical constructs of teaching and learning develops you as an educator with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes you need to provide highly effective instruction to learners across the medical education continuum.

Scholar

Educators have the ability and the responsibility to plan, conduct, evaluate, and disseminate the outcomes of all educational initiatives. Our curriculum provides multiple opportunities to generate rigorous, high-quality, innovative educational initiatives that equip you with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to be a highly productive medical education scholar.

Leader

Educators are leaders. We engage you in relevant leadership development experiences through course-embedded leadership concepts that provide you with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to be a highly successful medical education leader.
Our Graduates’ Accomplishments Through 2015

Over 150 medical education honors and awards

Over 400 education-related published papers and national and international presentations

Over $12 million in educational grant funding

Program and institutional leadership roles within their organizations, including residency and fellowship program directors, deans, vice-chairs, and DIOs
A Curriculum that works for you

Flexible
Are you a busy, full-time medical professional with additional responsibilities outside of work? You’ll fit right in! With online learning, you can participate in class wherever and whenever you have an internet connection. Whether you are a morning person or a night owl, travel, or shuttle kids to soccer after a day at work, you can schedule your weekly “class time” around your busy schedule.

Relevant
Academic rigor and relevance to your work are a powerful combination! Accreditation, well-qualified instructors, and continuous monitoring and improvement of courses ensure our curriculum is of high academic quality. In most courses, you are encouraged to choose and design course projects that are applicable to your home institution and its educational, research and organizational needs. For those in the master’s program, the two culminating courses bring it all together and prepare you to move forward confidently with your educational career goals.

Curriculum
The master’s program consists of 10 courses (30 credit hours) focused on adult learning, curriculum and instruction, and educational research and evaluation. The certificate program consists of four courses (12 credit hours) focused on adult learning and curriculum and instruction.

The Foundation courses address a variety of teaching and learning topics; the Research courses address the design, implementation and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data; and the Culminating courses bring it all together in both a final educational research project and an educator e-portfolio.
Strong Support
We recognize that high-quality instruction and support are critical to your success in the program. In addition to the availability of faculty and instructors, your academic advisor can help you navigate successfully through all aspects of the program. Master’s students will also receive guidance on developing an appropriate final project and selecting a project mentor.

Who Can Benefit
Our program is well suited for:

- Academic and research faculty and other medical professionals involved with rigorous evaluation of curricula, educational research, and scholarship
- Physicians, administrators, and other healthcare professionals directly involved with teaching residents, medical and nursing students, fellows, and faculty
- Fellows interested in education who would like an advanced degree alternative to the traditional MPH and MS graduate degrees
- Medical and healthcare professionals invested in curriculum development and program evaluation
Application

The University of Cincinnati Graduate School application must be completed online at grad.uc.edu/admissions. Complete application instructions can be found at cincinnatichildrens.org/masters.

A completed application includes the following:

- One-page admission essay addressing your current interest and involvement in medical education, your experience in planning, conducting, and/or evaluating educational research (if any), and your future career goals.
- Curriculum vitae
- Unofficial transcripts from any college/university you received a degree from. An unofficial transcript can be a course record you download directly from the college or an actual transcript that is mailed to you that you scan in and upload. It should include the name of the University, your name, a list of the courses you took, when you took them, how many credits or points each course was worth, and the grade you earned on each course. Official transcripts are not submitted until after admission.
- Two professional letters of recommendation (Master’s program only). Generic recommendations, recommendations for admission to fellowship or residency programs, or recommendations for employment are not suitable. Personal recommendations are not appropriate.
  - One recommendation should be from your division director, chief, fellowship director, or other supervisor and should address the reasons for his or her support for your application. If you are moving into a new position, the recommendation should be from your new director or supervisor.
  - The second recommendation may be from a colleague, former director or supervisor, former attending or preceptor, or other professional of your choosing who can speak to your involvement/interest/skills/etc. within the medical education field.
Admissions

The admission process is non-competitive and applicants are accepted or rejected solely on the basis of academic and professional criteria, regardless of race, age, gender, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation. Admissions criteria includes an undergraduate or higher degree with a minimum 3.2 GPA and a current or pending position involving medical education and/or medical education research. Applications are accepted year-round. Prospective students are encouraged to contact the program office with any questions prior to submitting an application. Applicants are officially notified of acceptance or denial by email.
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For additional information about the program, the courses, and the application process, please contact us!

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