

GRADUATE SCHOOL CATALOGUE AND HANDBOOK

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The John E. Weems Graduate School at Meredith College

Master of Business Administration

Master of Education

Master of Arts in Teaching

Master of Science in Nutrition

Business Foundations Certificate

Dietetic Internship

Didactic Program in Dietetics

Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

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Overview

Chartered in 1891, Meredith College has been educating the South's – and now, some of the world's – brightest and most promising women for almost 125 years. Our enduring commitment to innovation and fresh perspectives over the years has allowed us to confidently expand our programs – and keeps us going strong.

Meredith is one of the largest independent women's colleges in the U.S., with an enrollment of approximately 2,000 students. Rigorous academics in a personalized environment is the hallmark of a Meredith education. Our students are challenged academically through more than 70 majors, minors, and concentrations, and their learning is reinforced through experiential opportunities on campus, in the community, and around the world. Internships, service-learning, study abroad, and undergraduate research allow students to apply their strengths and acquire the knowledge and skills employers desire. Our students are prepared for success when they graduate – whether they pursue careers or continue studies in graduate or professional schools.

At the graduate level, coeducational programs in business, education, and nutrition, as well as post-baccalaureate certificate programs in pre-health and business, a dietetic internship, a didactic program in dietetics, and a paralegal program, provide outstanding and challenging studies for women and men seeking new careers and professional advancement.

Meredith is committed to helping students discover their greatest strengths and understand how to use those strengths to succeed. And our location in North Carolina's flourishing capital city and near the famed Research Triangle Park offers numerous advantages, including career, research, internship, and service opportunities for students, faculty, and staff.

Mission

Meredith College, grounded in the liberal arts and committed to professional preparation, educates and inspires students to live with integrity and provide leadership for the needs, opportunities, and challenges of society.

Vision

Meredith College is respected nationally as a vibrant learning environment in which students enhance their strengths, broaden their perspectives, and prepare for lives of impact and distinction.

Values

The Meredith College community is dedicated to core values drawn from Meredith's mission and heritage, including its founding as a women's college by North Carolina Baptists. The values serve as the foundation for our programs, our interactions with each other, and our outreach beyond the campus:

- Integrity...upholding high standards of truth and personal honor;
- Intellectual freedom...fostering a spirit of openness and inquiry, and respecting a range of perspectives and voices;
- Academic excellence...promoting scholarship, innovation, curiosity, intellectual challenge, hard work, and lifelong learning;
- Responsible global citizenship...contributing positive change through ethical leadership and civic engagement;
- Personal development...seeking intellectual, personal, and spiritual growth through structured and individual learning and experience;
- Religious diversity...avowing the College's Christian heritage while respecting all faiths and spiritual beliefs; and
- Relevance...meeting society's needs by educating students in programs that prepare them for the future.

History of the College

Meredith College's rich history dates back to 1835, when Thomas Meredith – the College's namesake – conceived the idea for a university for women. Though such an idea was uncommon at the time, Meredith was a vocal advocate for women's education and persisted in his call for the creation of an institution to provide "a first-rate course of female education."

Decades later, the North Carolina legislature issued a charter in 1891 for the Baptist Female University, which became the Baptist University for Women in 1905, and finally Meredith College in 1909, when the institution was renamed in honor of the leader whose dedication helped make it a reality.

The College opened in downtown Raleigh on September 27, 1899. First-year enrollment reached 220 students taught by 19 faculty and staff. The first class graduated three years later when ten women – known as the Immortal Ten – received their degrees in 1902.

Over the course of 123 years, Meredith has experienced tremendous growth and many changes. In 1926, the institution moved from its

original, downtown location to the current 225-acre campus in west Raleigh to accommodate its continued expansion.

Meredith restored master's degree programs in 1983, after the original graduate programs were removed when the state approved the College's revised charter in 1911. In 1988, the Graduate Studies Program at Meredith was named the John E. Weems Graduate School in honor of Meredith's sixth president. Today, the school offers advanced degrees to both men and women.

In 1997, Meredith's Board of Trustees voted to formally redefine the College's relationship with the Baptist State Convention and become independent. As a self-governing institution, Meredith College maintains its independence, identity, and integrity.

Today Meredith graduates nearly 500 students each year who come from 26 states and 40 countries. The College's eighth president, Jo Allen, '80, is the first alumna to hold the office. Through growth and change, Meredith has maintained its vision and remained committed to its values. As a result, Meredith students and its network of 19,000 alumnae are still going strong.

The John E. Weems Graduate School Mission Statement and Guiding Principles

Mission Statement

The mission of graduate programs at Meredith College is to provide:

- student-centered educational experiences for men and women from diverse backgrounds
- curricula that are relevant to professional preparation and advancement of individual goals
- academically challenging learning in an environment that emphasizes critical thinking, leadership and application of theoretical knowledge in practical settings
- collaborative faculty/student relationships in education and research.

Guiding Principles

- We provide programs that are consistent with the mission of the College.
- We encourage relationships with the larger community.
- We promote diversity, mutual respect and inclusiveness.
- We encourage involvement, teamwork, shared purpose and commitment.
- We expect ethical behavior among our students, faculty, staff and community partners.

Graduate Programs

The John E. Weems Graduate School of Meredith College offers four master's degree programs:

- Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Master of Education (M.Ed.) with concentrations in Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG), Elementary Education, English as a Second Language (ESL), Reading, or Special Education (general curriculum)
- Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T) with specialty in Elementary Education, English as a Second Language (ESL), or Special Education (general curriculum)
- Master of Science in Nutrition

Also offered are the following post-baccalaureate programs:

- Business Foundations Certificate
- Didactic Program in Dietetics Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Dietetic Internship
- Paralegal Certificate
- Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

Statement of Honor

In keeping with the traditions of honor at Meredith College and the John E. Weems Graduate School, all graduate students are expected to demonstrate personal integrity in their work and actions. By accepting admission to the Graduate School, students acknowledge and agree to adhere to the Honor Code.

We, the Meredith community, are committed to developing and affirming in each student a sense of personal honor and responsibility. Uncompromising honesty and forthrightness are essential elements of this commitment.

Faculty

Faculty who choose a career at Meredith embrace teaching, advising and mentoring as their highest professional priorities. Effectiveness in these roles also demands ongoing study, research and various forms of professional involvement. Balancing these numerous functions, professors model intellectual inquiry for students and bring the best of their disciplines to the curriculum.

Meredith faculty participate in the leadership of the college, serving on committees, writing grants and helping to envision and plan for growth and change. They serve the Triangle area community and its religious institutions through a range of volunteer efforts.

Diversity and Openness: Meredith's Nondiscrimination Policies

In all of its interactions and endeavors, the Meredith College community not only respects the diversity of its members but also welcomes students and employees of any age, race, creed, national

or ethnic origin and sexual orientation. Diversity is essential to the education of those who will manage, lead and creatively shape the professions they enter. The college does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, national or ethnic origin or sexual orientation in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs.

College policies and administrative practices also accommodate the needs of students with disabilities. The college does not discriminate in admission or access to its programs and activities on the basis of disability as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Inquiries may be directed to the disabilities services coordinator in the Counseling Center in Carroll Hall, (919) 760-8427, or DisabilitiesServices@meredith.edu or the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, the dean of students, in the Office of Student Leadership and Service in the Park Center, (919) 760-8521.

Accreditation

Meredith College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate and masters degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Meredith College.

The Commission should be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution's significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard.

Program Accreditations and Approvals

The College maintains the following program accreditations:

- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB).
- American Bar Association (ABA). The Paralegal Program is approved by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Paralegals. Contact the ABA at 750 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611 or call (312) 988-5618 for questions about the approval of Meredith College's Paralegal program.

The Commission should be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution's significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard.

The American Bar Association has long been a leader in encouraging expanded and more effective utilization of paralegals. In the early 1970s the ABA established the Standing Committee on Paralegals with the goal of promoting quality in paralegal education. One of the Standing Committee's most important activities has been to develop guidelines and a voluntary approval process for paralegal education programs. The ABA's Guidelines for the

Approval of Legal Assistant Education programs, first published in 1974, cover every aspect of program operations with detailed requirements in each area. Programs seeking ABA approval must demonstrate continuing compliance with the Guidelines by submitting periodic reports which are verified by on-site visits from an evaluation team.

Meredith College's Paralegal Program was originally approved by the ABA in 1983 and re-approved in 1989, 1994, 1999, 2005, and 2012.

North Carolina Bar Qualified. Meredith's Paralegal Program is a North Carolina State Bar Qualified Program retroactively to 1980. The North Carolina State Bar qualifies programs that meet the minimum standards of education for students to qualify to become North Carolina Certified Paralegals. Determination that a paralegal studies program is qualified under this section does not constitute an approval or an endorsement of the program by the Paralegal Certification Board of the North Carolina State Bar.

American Association for Paralegal Education Institutional Membership (AAfPE). The American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) is an organization dedicated to promoting high standards in paralegal education; AAfPE is the only national association of schools that offer paralegal programs. AAfPE was founded in 1981 with the cooperation of the ABA Standing Committees to provide a forum for professional improvement and technical support for paralegal educators. Educational institutions are eligible for institutional membership in AAfPE if they are either ABA approved or in "substantial compliance" with the ABA Guidelines. Meredith's Paralegal Program has been an institutional member since 1987.

- Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND). The Didactic Program in Dietetics and the postbaccalaureate Dietetic Internship Program are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) (120 South Riverside Plaza, Ste. 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, telephone (312) 899-4876).
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)

The college has approval of programs from the following agency:

- North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (initial and advanced teacher licensure programs)

Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Program Admissions

Graduate Studies Office

Park Center

Open weekdays 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Evenings by appointment

(919) 760-8423; FAX (919) 760-2898

Email: graduate@meredith.edu

www.meredith.edu/graduate

The John E. Weems Graduate School seeks to enroll students who will not only benefit from a particular graduate program, but who will also contribute to the classroom discussion based on their own experience. Applicants must have successfully completed a bachelor's degree program from a regionally accredited four-year institution. Each applicant is evaluated by an admissions committee on the basis of baccalaureate-level preparation, undergraduate grade point average, standardized test scores, work experience, recommendation forms and other criteria established by the specific departments.

Each Meredith graduate student has up to six years from the time of initial enrollment in graduate-level courses to complete the requirements for the degree. If the requirements are not completed within six years, the student's admission will be terminated.

Admission may be granted to a degree-seeking student who has applied for admission to one of the graduate programs, but still needs to fulfill the departmental prerequisite criteria. In this case, the student must successfully complete any prerequisites, as determined by the Program Director.

Application Procedures

Program-specific materials must be submitted to the Graduate Studies or Paralegal Program Office by the following deadline in order for an application to be considered complete.

Master of Business Administration

- June 1 (Fall)
- November 1 (Spring)

Business Foundations Certificate

- August 1 (Fall)
- January 2 (Spring)

Master of Arts in Teaching

- March 1 (Early-decision)
- June 1

Master of Education

- April 1 (summer)
- July 1 (fall)
- November 1 (spring)

Master of Science in Nutrition and Didactic Program in Dietetics

- April 1 (summer)
- July 1 (fall)
- November 1 (spring, for Master only)

Dietetic Internship

- February 15

See the Dietetic Internship program section of this catalogue for DI application procedures on page 37.

Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

- April 1

Graduate application materials may be obtained online at www.meredith.edu/graduate or by contacting the Graduate Studies Office at:

Meredith College
The John E. Weems Graduate School
3800 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27607-5298
Telephone: (919) 760-8423
Fax: (919) 760-2898
Email: graduate@meredith.edu

Applications for the Paralegal Program are considered by rolling admissions. It is recommended that the program receives the applicant's completed application by July 1.

Paralegal Program application materials may be obtained online at www.meredith.edu/legal or by contacting the Paralegal Program Office at:

Paralegal Program
Meredith College
3800 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, NC 27607-5298
E-mail: paralegal@meredith.edu
Telephone: (919) 760-2855
Facsimile: (919) 760-2898

Requirements for Admission

Master of Business Administration

Admission into the MBA program traditionally requires two years of post-baccalaureate professional experience. Individuals without the required work experience may apply under the Early Career Entry Guidelines outlined in the following.

Traditional Entry

- Application and non-refundable \$60 application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, in

sealed envelopes

- Two completed recommendation forms, in sealed envelopes, from people with knowledge of the applicant's professional work or ability
- Resumé or CV, reflecting at least two years of post-baccalaureate professional work experience
- Official report of scores of the Graduate Management Admissions Test® (GMAT®) or Graduate Record Exam (GRE®) mailed directly from ETS
 - Minimum score of 400 is required for traditional entry
 - Applicants who have already earned a masters or doctorate degree may be exempt from taking an admission test, determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Responses to essay questions

Early Career Entry

- Application and non-refundable \$60 application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, in sealed envelopes
- Two completed recommendation forms, in sealed envelopes, from people with knowledge of the applicant's professional work or ability
- Current resumé including a description of professional experience acquired through internships, co-ops, or other professional-level work experiences
- Official report of scores from GMAT® or GRE®
 - Minimum score of 550 is required for Early Career Entry
- Responses to essay questions
- Interview with program director

Admission decisions are based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, grades, scores on admissions tests, quality of work experience, and recommendations.

Business Foundations Certificate

- Application for post-baccalaureate study and non-refundable \$25 application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, in sealed envelopes
- Resumé

Master of Education and add-on Licensure Programs

- Application and non-refundable \$60 application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, in sealed envelopes or sent electronically directly to Meredith College from the institution
- Two completed recommendation forms, in sealed envelopes, from people with knowledge of the applicant's professional work or ability
- Official report of scores of the Graduate Record Examinations®

(GRE®), mailed directly from the Educational Testing Service, or official mailed scores from the Miller Analogies Test (MAT®). Target scores GRE Verbal = 148 or higher, Quantitative = 150 or higher, Analytical = 4.0 or higher. Miller Analogies Test target score = 400 or higher. Plan to take the exam early. We accept the highest combination of scores.

- Statement of work experience (resume or C.V.)
- Copy of teaching license
- Responses to essay questions

Once a complete application has been received, the applicant may be contacted for an interview. Admission decisions are based on a combination of factors including, but not limited to, academic performance, professional experience, ability, program fit and test scores.

Master of Arts In Teaching

- Application and non-refundable \$60 application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, in sealed envelopes or sent electronically to Meredith College from the institution
- Two completed academic and/or professional recommendations, in sealed envelopes, from professionals who can speak to your work performance and potential
- Official report of scores of the Graduate Record Examinations® (GRE®), mailed directly from the Educational Testing Service. Target scores GRE Verbal = 148 or higher, Quantitative = 150 or higher, Analytical = 4.0 or higher. Plan to take the exam early. We accept the highest combination of scores.
- Statement of Work Experience (resume or C.V.)
- Responses to essay questions

Once a complete application has been received, the applicant may be contacted for an interview. Admission decisions are based on a combination of factors including, but not limited to, academic performance, professional experience, ability, program fit and test scores.

Master of Science in Nutrition

- Application and non-refundable \$60 application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, in sealed envelopes with institution's seal over the flap
- Two completed recommendation forms, in sealed envelopes, from people with knowledge of the applicant's professional work or ability
- Official report of scores of the Graduate Record Examinations® (GRE®), mailed directly from the Educational Testing Service
- Statement of work experience (resume or C.V.)
- Responses to essay questions

Once a complete application has been received, the applicant may be contacted to schedule an interview.

Competitive applications for acceptance into the Master of Science in Nutrition program meet the following conditions, and target-score values, for which applicants should aim:

- Target GRE scores of 40%tile Verbal and 40%tile for Quantitative;
- Target GPA of 3.0 for Bachelors and Meredith MS Nutrition prerequisites;
- Completion of, or current enrollment in, Introductory Nutrition, undergraduate Statistics (within five years), and General Chemistry I;
- Professional experience-one letter of reference should be provided by a supervisor from an employment or volunteer position;
- Focused topic of interest for practical or research experience, and program compatibility, clearly evident in essay answers;
- Professional writing skills demonstrated in essays and GRE Writing score.

Many students seeking a Master of Science in Nutrition degree from Meredith College have a concurrent interest in pursuing requirements to complete the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) in preparation for application to a dietetic internship. Acceptance into the MS Nutrition program is not a guarantee of acceptance into the dietetic internship program at Meredith College. Please note that the application for the MS Nutrition program should reflect your research and/or practical interests in the field of nutrition and how a Master's degree in nutrition from Meredith College will contribute to your academic and professional goals independent of any specific interests in becoming a Registered Dietitian.

Dietetic Internship

The following application materials must be submitted through the Dietetic Internship Centralized Application Services (DICAS):

- A completed Declaration of Intent to Complete Degree and a ACEND Verification Statement signed by the applicant and by the Program Director of a Didactic Program in Dietetics. A valid Verification Statement stating successful completion of a ACEND-approved Didactic Program in Dietetics must be submitted before the applicant can begin the internship
- An official baccalaureate transcript from a regionally accredited college or university, plus official transcripts from all other post-secondary institutions the applicant has attended
- A completed DICAS application, which includes educational background, work experience, internships, activities and honors
- Three letters of recommendation from people with knowledge of the applicant's professional potential and character: one from the DPD Program Director, one from a professor and one from a supervisor
- Personal statement addressing the following questions:
 - Why do you want to enter the dietetics profession?

- Discuss experiences that have helped to prepare you for your career.
- What are your short-term and long-term goals?
- What are your strengths and weaknesses or areas needing improvement?
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores (for international students only)
- A non-refundable application fee of \$50, payable to Meredith College, must be sent to Meredith College, Dietetic Internship Director.

All applicants to Dietetic Internships (DI) must participate in computer matching. Applicants should obtain instructions and appropriate forms to prioritize preferences. Applicants can obtain this material from D&D Digital Systems (see address below) and submit completed forms by stated due date. There is no charge for this material. However, there is a \$50 charge for computer matching that is due with the applicant's prioritized ranking.

Address requests to:

D&D Digital Systems, 304 Main Street, Suite 301
Ames, IA 50010
515-292-0490
e-mail: dnd@netins.net
www.dnddigital.com/ada/

The postmark deadline for the application package and the D&D forms is February 15 (Date may vary slightly from year to year. Check current AND publications, AND website (www.eatright.org) or DPD Director for exact deadline date each year.)

Application Criteria

Applicants for admission must submit all materials listed under Application Procedures. In addition, applicants must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0/4.0 overall, verified by transcripts from all institutions, and approval by the Dietetic Internship program selection committee.

Notification of Admission

The applicant will receive notification of the results of the computer matching from D&D Digital Systems by email. Applicants must call, email or fax the Dietetic Internship Director to confirm their acceptance of the match to the Dietetic Internship at Meredith College by the designated appointment date (check current D&D Digital Systems literature or website for exact date each year). A letter confirming acceptance to the appointment must be postmarked, emailed or faxed within 24 hours after the phone call.

Didactic Program in Dietetics Certificate

- Completed [paper application](#)
- \$40 application fee (*check or money order made out to: Meredith College*)
- Three official transcripts from each college and university attended, in sealed envelopes. Bachelor's degree must be from an accredited institution. For international transcripts, a certified translation into English with a course-by-course evaluation is required, and can be mailed directly from a pre-approved organization
- Course syllabi must be provided for all courses taken outside of Meredith College. Previously completed courses must have been taken within the past 7 years at an accredited institution.

Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

- Completed **paper application**, including a 500-word personal statement
- \$40 application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, in sealed envelopes. Bachelor's degree must be from an accredited institution. For international transcripts, a certified translation into English with a course-by-course evaluation is required, and can be mailed directly from a pre-approved organization
- Official report of scores of the SAT, GRE, or MCAT, mailed directly from the testing organization
- Two completed **recommendation forms**, in signed, sealed envelopes, from people with knowledge of your professional work or academic ability within your area of work or study.

Paralegal Program

- Application and non-refundable \$30 application fee
- Official transcripts from colleges and universities attended, in sealed envelopes
- Two completed recommendation forms, in sealed envelopes, from people with knowledge of the applicant's professional work or academic ability
- A personal statement of interest in the paralegal field, which will serve as a writing sample. The statement should be typed and no more than 500 words.
- Two copies of applicant's current resumé
- Photograph (optional)

Once a complete application has been received the applicant may be contacted to schedule an interview.

International and Permanent Resident Applicants

International and permanent resident applicants must also submit a certified translation of all transcripts:

If the original transcripts are not from an accredited U.S. College or University, a certified translation into English is required. In addition, a course-by-course evaluation of the applicant's academic documents compiled by an independent academic credit evaluation provider will be required for any post-secondary work taken outside of the United States. Meredith recommends World Education Services, Inc. (WES) for this service; other independent evaluators may be used with prior approval from Meredith. Applications for these evaluations can be obtained from the WES website (www.wes.org). WES, like other evaluators, requires a fee from the applicant for processing applications.

International and Permanent Resident Applicants

International and permanent resident applicants must also submit:

- If the original transcripts are not from an accredited U.S. College or University, the applicant is required to submit a transcript translated into English (if necessary) and an academic equivalency evaluation as conducted by an independent provider of academic credential evaluations. The evaluation of academic credentials should include: a certified translation into English (if necessary), a course-by-course evaluation of all post-secondary work (including the GPA option) and an evaluation of any Commonwealth advanced level examinations taken outside of the U.S. Options for independent course evaluation services include World Education Services (WES) and Education Evaluators International (EEI). Students wishing to use other independent evaluators need approval from Meredith. Each company requires a fee from the applicant for processing evaluations. For more information on WES, visit www.wes.org or for EEI, visit www.educei.com.
- Official scores from Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) reported directly from ETS.org; or official scores from International English Language Testing System (IELTS) reported directly from IELTS.org. The College does not accept any other English Language tests.

Scores must not be more than one year old, unless the student has been enrolled full-time in an accredited American college or university in the interim.

Unless English is the native language, international applicants must submit satisfactory TOEFL or IELTS scores.

The required minimum total score on the exams are:

- The paper-based TOEFL exam = 550 (with a minimum section score of 50 in all sections)
- The internet-based TOEFL exam = 80 (with a minimum section score of 20 in all sections)
- The computer-based TOEFL exam = 213
- The IELTS exam = 6.5

The TOEFL Bulletin of Information is available at American embassies and consulates, or can be obtained by writing: TOEFL, CN 6155, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6155, or online at www.ets.org.

The IELTS application information can be obtained by writing: IELTS International, 825 Colorado Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90041, or online at www.ielts.org

International students must also present copies of the following forms to the Graduate Studies Office:

- Passport
- Visa
- I-94 card, Arrival/Departure Record
- I-20
- Alien Registration Number (permanent resident only)
- Financial statement showing resources for a one year period
- Proof of health insurance

Applicants holding F-1 visas must list the school or college they have permission to attend and submit a copy of their current I-20 form. The College will assist them in the preparation of a new I-20 form, if applicable. Admission of a foreign student who requires an F-1 visa is conditional until the proper visa is obtained. A student must be admitted to the graduate program to receive an I-20.

Non-Degree, Post-Baccalaureate Study

An individual with a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited four-year college or university may enroll in graduate courses without being admitted to a degree program (excludes MAT Program). The following must be submitted to enroll as a Post-Baccalaureate Study (PBS) student:

- Application and non-refundable \$25 application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, in sealed envelopes.
- For MBA program, a current resume is also required.
- For MED program, a copy of teacher's licence is also required.
- The PBS option is not available for the MAT program.

A maximum of six graduate-level credit hours taken in this manner may be applied toward graduate degree requirements at Meredith. In the MBA program, PBS students may enroll in 500-level courses only. PBS students may register for classes only after degree-seeking students are registered. If a PBS student decides to apply to be a degree candidate, all requirements for admission must be met, including the \$25 non-refundable application fee. Enrollment as a PBS student does not guarantee program admission.

Students may take prerequisite courses in Meredith's undergraduate classes as PBS students.

Visiting Students

A student who has authorization for credit at Meredith from another college may register for one or two courses with credit. Visiting students may not take classes in the MAT program. Visiting students may register only after degree-seeking students are registered. The following must be submitted to enroll as a visiting student:

- Application and non-refundable \$25 application fee
- Letter from a representative of the school to which applicant plans to transfer credit, stating that the student has permission to take specified courses at Meredith College

The visiting student must request that the registrar at Meredith send a copy of the transcript to the originating school when the course(s) is/are completed. Acceptance of visiting students must be approved by the Program Director. For the MBA program, official transcripts and resumé are also required.

Admission Tests

In order for a degree application to be considered complete, the appropriate official report of scores must be received by the Graduate Studies Office. Whether an applicant chooses to prepare via self-study or take a preparatory course, sufficient time should be allowed to prepare for an admission test. **Applicants should indicate Code No. 5410 for Meredith College on the test registration form so that an official report will be sent to Meredith College.** Allow a minimum of three weeks for the official report to be mailed from the testing center.

The Graduate Management Admission Test® (GMAT®) and Graduate Record Examinations® (GRE®) tests are administered as computer adaptive tests (CATs) throughout North America and at many international sites. These tests measure general verbal, mathematical and analytical writing skills. The Miller Analogies Test (MAT) is an analytic ability test requiring the solution of problems stated as verbal analogies, with a few quantitative analogies. The MAT is intended to assess the student's ability to recognize relationships between ideas, fluency in the English language and general knowledge of literature, philosophy, history, science, mathematics and fine arts. These tests are viewed as predictors of academic success in the first year of graduate school.

Applicants to Meredith's graduate program in Education or Nutrition who have previously earned a master's degree or a doctorate from a regionally-accredited United States college or university may choose not to take the admissions examination for that program (e.g., GRE®, GMAT®, or MAT®). Acceptance of an advanced degree in place of an admissions examination does not guarantee admission to a program. Applicants to the Master of Arts in Teaching Program must submit GRE® scores. The Miller Analogies Test will not be accepted for the MAT program.

An applicant to Meredith's Master of Science in Nutrition program

who has successfully (received all As or Bs) completed his or her academic coursework for Meredith's Dietetic Internship, may be allowed to substitute this academic work, along with a recommendation from the Meredith College DI supervisor, for the GRE®.

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Notification of Admission

Applicants are notified of admission status in writing by the Graduate Studies or Paralegal Program Office upon completion of the review process by the Admissions Committee. To accept the offer of admission and to be able to register, a new student must return a Confirmation Form and a non-refundable deposit of \$100 to the Graduate Studies or Paralegal Program Office by the date specified in the admissions letter. This deposit will be applied toward the student's first tuition bill.

Graduate Academic Policies

Honor and Integrity

Meredith students are responsible for ensuring that the Honor System is upheld at all times. Any dishonorable action will be regarded as a violation of the Honor Code. In particular, students must refrain from cheating, stealing, lying or plagiarizing (see a complete list of Honor Code violations below).

If a student is aware of a violation by another student, s/he should call that student's attention to the violation and ask that the student turn him- or herself in. If the student refuses, the observer must decide on the basis of his or her conscience whether or not to report the student whom s/he believes has violated the honor code.

1. Students should report themselves or be reported to a faculty member, coordinator or director of their graduate program. A faculty member who observes students in violation of the honor code should confront them.
2. Upon receiving such a report or making such an observation, the faculty member should notify the Dean of the School.
3. The Dean will convene a Graduate Honor Council composed of a student representative, a faculty member and a member of the Graduate Studies Committee. The Dean will not sit on the Graduate Honor Council. The Graduate Honor Council will hear the facts of the case from the accused, the accuser (if any) and the faculty member. The Graduate Honor Council recommends penalties, if any, and reports them to the Dean.
4. The Dean will notify the accused student of the findings of the Graduate Honor Council and ensure that any penalties are enforced.
5. If s/he wishes, the student may file a written appeal of the ruling to the Dean of the School within 14 days of receiving notice of the findings.
6. Should the student wish to appeal further, s/he may do so within seven (7) days to the Vice President for Academic Planning and Programs. A final appeal may be made in writing within seven (7) days to the President of the College, whose ruling is final.

Note: Penalties resulting from cases involving academic dishonesty do not preclude the right of the faculty member to levy an academic penalty that s/he deems appropriate.

Description of Honor Code Violations

The Honor Council acts on violations of the Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code include, among others

- Academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to:
 1. Unauthorized copying, collaboration, or acceptance of assistance in the preparation of written work or laboratory work
 2. Plagiarism—which is defined as the intentional representation of another person's words, thoughts, or ideas as one's own;
 3. The use of notes, books, or other unauthorized aids on examinations;
 4. Stating that assignments are completed when they are not (i.e., parallel readings);
 5. Aiding and abetting a dishonest action of another student.
 6. Falsification of data
- Theft or misuse of, or damage to any personal property on institutional premises, any academically related personal property wherever located, or any college property.
- Violation of any college policies as set forth in this Student Handbook.
- Alteration, forgery, falsification, abuse, or fraudulent misuse of college documents, records, or identification cards.
- Violation of rules governing the residence halls, the health center, the library, the dining hall, and other college owned, operated or regulated property.
- Conduct resulting in physical or psychological harm to another or which otherwise threatens or endangers the health or safety of any such person.
- Intentional disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or other college activities, operation or functions, including the failure to appear before college officials or disciplinary bodies when directed to do so.
- Disorderly conduct on College-owned, -operated, or -controlled property or at college-sponsored functions.
- Disorderly conduct shall include acts which violate the rights of others, which tend to breach the peace, or which are deemed lewd, indecent, or obscene.
- Possession of firearms or other weapons on College property or at College-sponsored functions.
- Unauthorized entry into or occupation of, or trespass upon college facilities or property.
- Unauthorized use of the name of the College or the names of member organizations in the College community.
- Intentional abuse of a position of trust or responsibility within the College community.
- Furnishing of false information, with intent to deceive, to members of the College community who are acting in the exercise of their official duties.
- Failure to follow directions given by College officials or staff members in the exercise of their official duties.
- Any violation of federal, state, or local law if such directly affects the College's pursuit of its proper educational purposes.
- Failure to abide by sanctions or penalties properly imposed by the College or disciplinary bodies.
- Aiding or abetting any violation of the Honor Code. Any other conduct which is undesirable or unacceptable, or interferes with or threatens the College's ability to fulfill its educational purposes.

NOTE: A student may be accused of more than one violation as a result of a single incident. Ignorance of a rule or regulation shall not be accepted as a defense by the Honor Council.

Registration and Course Credit

Choice of Catalogue

Students are subject to the degree requirements and policies described in the Graduate Catalogue that is in effect when they first enroll, or any subsequent catalogue published during their time of study. A student who is approved for readmission to the College after an absence of more than one year will comply with the requirements either of the catalogue under which s/he is readmitted or those of a subsequent catalogue. Exceptions may be necessary in order to conform to standards of outside accrediting agencies.

Registration

New and continuing students work directly with their Program Director/Advisor for individual academic advising. Once the student has been advised he or she may use WebAdvisor to register online during the preregistration period. A degree-seeking student who is enrolled in six graduate credit hours per semester is defined as a full-time graduate student.

Dropping/Adding a Course

A student may add or drop a course or change sections only during the first five calendar days of the semester. The student may use WebAdvisor to do so online or make the changes with the program advisor. The student may add a course if space is available, or with the approval of the program advisor.

For courses that begin later in the semester the student may add or drop that course up until the beginning of the second class period.

Leave of Absence (LOA) and Withdrawal Policy

A student wishing to withdraw from all of their courses prior to the end of the semester consults with their Program Director/Advisor and submits a completed withdrawal form to the Graduate Studies office to withdraw from the College, or to the Office of the Registrar to request a Leave of Absence from the College (if he or she plans to return within one calendar year). These forms can be found on the Office of the Registrar website (www.meredith.edu/registrar). Tuition, fees and financial assistance adjustments are determined based on the date the withdrawal form is received in the Graduate Studies office or the leave of absence form is received in the Office of the Registrar.

Students who withdraw or request a leave of absence from the College in the first 5 days of the semester, during the add/drop period, will be dropped from all of their classes. Classes that are dropped within the first 5 days of the semester (during the add/drop period) do not appear on an academic transcript. Classes dropped after the first 5 days of the semester and before the “last day to drop a class with a “W” are dropped with a grade of “W”. The grade of “W” on the academic transcript will indicate withdrawal from a course. A grade of “W” does not affect a student’s GPA or earned hours. A grade of “W” is included in the calculation of attempted

hours for academic standing and financial assistance eligibility. The deadline to withdraw or request a leave of absence from the College and receive grades of “W” is the “last day to drop a class with a grade of W” as published in the academic calendar.

Students who cease attendance in registered classes and fail to turn in either the withdrawal form or the leave of absence request will receive the calculated final grades earned at the end of the semester.

Exceptions to the deadline will be considered upon appeal for medical or other documented emergencies and must be appealed to the Provost (104 Johnson Hall) to whom the student will provide documentation demonstrating their inability to withdraw by the designated deadline. Acceptable documents include, but are not limited to, medical records, a letter from a treating physician or counselor, or documentation of a family medical emergency.

A student who withdraws or receives an approved leave of absence from the College and lives on campus is expected to vacate their residence within 48 hours or through arrangement with Residence Life. If the student has appealed the drop deadline, the time to vacate their residence begins when the decision concerning her appeal is communicated to her.

A student who has withdrawn from the College must reapply to the program. A student who receives an approved leave of absence will remain an active student and does not need to reapply for readmission to return to the College if returning within one year of the approved leave.

Leave of Absence Eligibility

A currently-enrolled student may request from the registrar a leave of absence for up to one year without having to reapply to the program as long as the student is in good academic, social and financial standing at Meredith. Students receiving financial assistance should confer with the Financial Assistance office before applying for a leave. A student on leave of absence who does not re-enroll within the allotted leave time will be officially withdrawn from the College. After any withdrawal or non-compliance with the leave policy, a student must follow the re-admission process.

A student is in good academic standing if he or she will not be on academic warning or probation at the end of the term in which he or she applied for the leave of absence. The student is in good social standing if she or she is not on social probation and if there is no honor council case pending that would involve probation, suspension, or expulsion. To be in good financial standing, a student must have paid all tuition, fees and other charges in the accounting office.

When granted an approved leave of absence, students may return to the program with the same status they held at the time of their departure and under the same catalogue. This policy does not change the six-year time limit (starting when the first graduate-level course was taken, including transfer courses) required for the completion of the graduate degree.

If a student withdraws, is dismissed, or is granted a leave of absence from Meredith before the end of a semester, s/he is responsible for the following percentage of the full semester tuition:

	Student must pay:
Up to and including the 5th calendar day of the semester	0%
6th through 10th calendar day of the semester	20%
11th through 20th calendar day of the semester	40%
After 20th calendar day of the semester	100%

Any refund due will be mailed from the Accounting Office to the student after the withdrawal or leave of absence paperwork has been processed.

Transfer Credit and Credit from Other Programs

Cooperating Raleigh Colleges (CRC) Credit

Meredith College and North Carolina State, Shaw, St. Augustine's and William Peace Universities form a consortium through which these schools provide their collective educational resources to students at each of the five institutions. Under this agreement, full-time Meredith graduate students may take courses at any of the other four schools.

A student who wishes to register for a course at one of the CRC schools should obtain a special request form from the Registrar's Office and must secure the approval of their advisor. Except under unusual circumstances, approval will be given only for those courses not available at Meredith.

Written appeals to an advisor's decision should be submitted to Dean of the School. Prerequisite courses may also be taken through CRC with the prior approval of the student's advisor. All CRC graduate courses are considered transfer credit.

Transfer Credit

Requests for transfer of graduate credit from another regionally-accredited institution must be evaluated and approved in writing by the appropriate program director. Depending on the degree requirements and the course content, the school reserves the right to deny its transfer. Requests for transfer of credit should be accompanied by an official transcript(s), course descriptions and syllabi. Courses taken at Cooperating Raleigh Colleges are considered transfer credit. Up to six hours of transfer credit may be applied to a graduate degree program at Meredith subject to approval by the Program Director. **All transfer courses must carry a grade of B or better.** Transfer course(s) must fall within the six-year limit for program completion (starting when the first graduate-level course was taken, including transfer courses).

Academic Status and Grades

Grade Changes and Corrections

A professor may make grade changes in consultation with the

Department Head or Dean. Grades may not be changed later than the last class day in the semester following the term during which the course was taken. After a grade has been given, the grade cannot be changed on the basis of additional assignments completed after the semester is over (does not apply to an I grade).

Academic Warning and Probation

A student who earns one grade of C will receive a notice of academic warning from the Program Director. The student will be required to meet or confer with the Program Director to review the circumstances and to receive counsel and guidance that may apply to those circumstances.

A student who earns two C grades will be placed on probation, notified in writing by the Program Director and required to meet or confer with her or him.

A student who earns three C grades will be automatically dropped from the graduate program. The student will be notified in writing.

Appeals Process

Students who are experiencing academic problems either with a grade or other conditions of the course should first discuss the matter with the professor. It is the professor's responsibility to explain fully all grades and requirements of the course. If the problem is not resolved, the student or professor should consult the Program Director. Students experiencing problems with program requirements or conditions of the program should first speak with the Program Director. The dean of the school shall be notified about any such matters. Should the problem still remain unresolved, the student may elect to file a formal appeal.

The student must appeal the grade within eight (8) weeks of receiving the grade or initially experiencing the problem. Grades may be appealed on the basis of a question concerning (1) clerical or numerical error or (2) personal bias or arbitrary grading. The student should prepare a written statement outlining the issue and submit the statement to the Program Director. The dean will convene an Academic Progress Committee composed of faculty who teach in the graduate program offering the course concerned. The student will be notified in writing within five (5) working days of the committee's decision.

Further appeal may be made in writing to the Dean of the School within 14 days of receiving the Academic Progress Committee's decision. If the matter is still not resolved, the student may make a final written appeal to the Provost within seven (7) days of receiving the Dean's decision.

Withholding Grade

All services in the Registrar's Office are contingent upon satisfactory college accounts and other obligations. Transcripts and grades may be withheld at the discretion of College officials for lack of payment of fees and fines, and for failure to complete other College obligations.

Grading

Each professor is responsible for evaluating a student's performance in class. Using the official grading system, the professor decides the weight allotted to each aspect of students' work in the course. It is the obligation of the professor to explain, at the beginning of each semester, the various components of grading in the course and the criteria by which the final grade is determined. Students should have the opportunity to examine assignments they submit to understand the grades assigned to them.

The following grading system applies to all graduate courses:

A	Excellent
B	Satisfactory
C	Low Passing
F	Failure
I	Incomplete
N	Missing grade
P	Passing
W	Withdrawal
Z	Interim grade
Au	Audit
NA	No Audit
AT	Transfer course with original grade of A+, A or A- reported by the credit granting institution
BT	Transfer course with original grade of B+, B or B- reported by the credit granting institution
CT	Transfer course with original grade of C+, C or C- reported by the credit granting institution
PT	Transfer course with original grade of P or S reported by the credit granting institution

The **I** grade is given when a student and a professor have agreed that, for good reasons, the student cannot complete the course on time. The professor sets forth the requirement for completing the course during the next semester. These requirements should be clearly understood by both the professor and the student. An agreement between the two parties as to the work to be completed and the time it must be submitted must be filed in the Office of the Registrar. All work must be completed no later than the final class day of the following semester, or the grade automatically becomes an **F**.

A **Z** grade will be assigned for a course that extends beyond a normal grading period. When the course is complete, the professor submits the grade to the Registrar's Office.

An **N** grade will be assigned at the discretion of the Registrar's Office when a professor has not turned in a grade. While there must be a grade for each student in every course before the grade processing can begin, there are instances when processing must start before all grades have been reported. In these cases, the **N** grade will be assigned for any missing grade.

A student who receives an **F** grade will have her or his status automatically reviewed by the program. S/he will be notified within ten working days whether s/he will be allowed to continue the program and of the specific conditions of continuation, if applicable.

Grades for transfer course credit are not calculated into the Meredith or cumulative grade point average.

Degree Requirements

Academic Advising

Each graduate student will be assisted by the Program Director/Advisor in planning his or her program of study from beginning to completion.

Graduate Degree Requirements

These requirements apply to all students who wish to receive a master's degree from the John E. Weems Graduate School:

- A student may not apply more than six hours of C grades toward her/his degree.
- A student must complete requirements for her/his degree within six calendar years, starting when the first graduate-level course was taken, including transfer courses. Under unusual circumstances, students may request an extension. The request must be made to the Department Head.
- A student must complete a culminating activity, designed to integrate the knowledge, skills, competencies and values addressed in each program. Activities that meet this requirement are specified and administered by each program.
- A student who has completed all coursework toward the degree but still needs to complete other degree requirements must be registered for one hour per semester. This is accomplished by registering for course 800, which carries no graduate degree credit.
- Limits on the maximum number of graduate courses or hours that may be applied to the degree requirements are established by each program.
- A student may not apply more than six hours of transfer credit, including CRC credit, to a degree program.
- A student may not apply more than six hours of graduate credit taken at Meredith as a Post-Baccalaureate Study student toward degree requirements.
- All prerequisites and foundation courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Special Studies

Special study options are designed to add flexibility to the curriculum and to provide professors and students the opportunity to experiment within the limitations of a tight curriculum.

This category includes individual study, special topics, off-campus study (international and otherwise) and community internships. Members of the faculty or students who wish to use this category must obtain the approval of their advisor and Department Head or Dean.

Graduation

All graduating students must file an Application for Diploma form with the Registrar's office and pay a graduation fee. To participate in commencement, graduating students must purchase, from Meredith's Supply Store, a traditional black gown and a hood in the color representing their field of study.

Policy on Participation in Commencement Exercises

Students completing the M.B.A., M.Ed., M.A.T., or MSN programs are eligible to attend the College Commencement ceremony held each May. It is the policy at Meredith College for students to have fulfilled all degree requirements and be cleared for graduation by the Registrar's Office in order to participate in commencement. Students who anticipate to fulfill graduation requirements in August and meet the criteria below may petition to participate in the May graduation ceremony. To petition for permission, the student must:

- Submit a written plan to the Vice President for Academic Programs no later than Mar 15*;
- Demonstrate that all requirements for the degree will be met by the August graduation date;
- Be in good financial, social and academic standing with the College.

*Emergency appeals must be submitted within 24 hours of the posting of final spring semester grades. The basis of the appeal must be related to the Spring semester preceding commencement. The Provost will consider the petition and render a binding decision that cannot be appealed.

Post-baccalaureate programs will hold separate departmental graduations/recognition upon program completion. Contact the department for additional information.

Access to Education Records

FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, is a federal law requiring Meredith College to protect the confidentiality of student educational records. Meredith College has adopted the policies outlined below to comply with the law, to inform students of their privacy rights, and to maintain the protection of student educational records.

Although student educational records are protected, Meredith College is not required to protect information that is classified as "directory" information. Meredith College has the right to release the following directory information without a student's prior consent

- Name, address, telephone number, e-mail address
- Date and place of birth, and country of citizenship

- Dates of attendance, classification, academic major, degrees and awards received
- Advisor
- Institutions attended
- Weights and heights of athletic team members
- Participation in sports and activities
- Student photographs

Any student who would like her directory information protected under the same guidelines as educational records should submit a written request to the following offices: the registrar's office for undergraduate students, the graduate office for graduate students and the Department of Education for licensure only students. This written request must be submitted to the appropriate office by the 20th classroom day of the Fall or Spring semester. It is not retroactive.

Meredith College is permitted by law to release and share your student educational records and personally identifiable information without your prior consent to the following parties:

- Meredith College employees with a legitimate educational purpose
- Officials of other schools in which the student seeks admission
- Federal or state officials as defined in paragraph 99.37 of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
- State and local officials authorized by state statute
- A third party designated by federal or state authorities to evaluate a federal- or state- supported education program or to researchers performing certain types of studies
- Organizations conducting studies for, or on the behalf of, Meredith College for the purpose of assisting in accomplishing the College's stated goals
- Accrediting organizations, to carry out their functions
- Parents of a dependent student as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (Written consent may be allowed from either of these separated or divorced parents subject to any agreement between the parents or court order. In the case of a student whose legal guardian is an institution, a party independent of the institution, appointed under state and local law to give parental consent, may be allowed to do so.
- In compliance with judicial order or subpoena
- Appropriate persons in connection with an emergency if such knowledge is necessary to protect the health or safety of a student or other person.

NOTE: With the exception of Meredith College employees who have been determined by the College to have a legitimate educational purpose, all individuals and agencies who have requested or obtained access to a student's records (other than directory information) will be noted in a record which is kept with each student's educational records. A request must be in writing stating the purpose of the request. This record will also indicate specifically

the legitimate interest that the person or agency had in obtaining the information. If the legitimate educational purpose of the request is in question, the matter will be referred to the president of the College for adjudication.

Meredith College will comply with FERPA to protect student educational records from unauthorized access.

Students have the right under FERPA to inspect and review their education records and to appeal to the appropriate office to have any incorrect information corrected. Students also have the right to file complaints with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Office concerning alleged failures by Meredith to comply with the Act.

Procedures for Accessing Education Records

Meredith College, in compliance with FERPA, permits students to have access to their educational records. Students wanting access to their educational records should file a written request to the appropriate office (i.e., registrar's office for undergraduate students, and 23+ students, or the graduate office for graduate students). The student may ask for an explanation and/or to view a copy of any record. If there seem to be corrections needed to the educational record requested by the student, the student may submit an appeal in writing for a formal hearing. The president of the College will appoint an Appeals Committee which must meet within 45 days of the receipt of the written appeal. The committee will allow the student to present evidence to substantiate the appeal and shall render a written decision to the student within 45 days of the hearing.

Definitions

Education Records are those records, files, documents and other materials which (1) contain information directly related to a student; and (2) are maintained by Meredith College or by a person acting for the College.

Records are information records in any medium, including, but not limited to, the following; handwriting, print, electronic media, tapes, film, microfilm, and microfiche. Educational records do not include: (1) personal notes, (2) records available only to law enforcement personnel, (3) employment records, unless the student's status is a condition of employment or (4) medical and psychiatric records (These are accessible by the student's physician), (5) directory information previously defined.

School officials or employees are persons employed by the College, elected to the Board of Trustees or employed by or under contract to the College to perform a special task, such as an attorney or auditor or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. Legitimate educational purpose is the performance of a job-related task related to a student's education,

performance of the task related to the discipline of a student, or providing a service or benefit related to the student, or student's family, such as health care, counseling, job placement, or financial aid.

Students are persons who are or have been enrolled at Meredith College. Applicants who do not enroll or who are declared ineligible to enroll have no inherent right to inspect their files. Whenever "student" is used in reference to personal rights, an eligible parent or a dependent student has similar rights.

Eligible parents are those who have satisfied Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and who present such proof to the custodian of an educational record. Normally the proof will be a certified copy of the parent's most recent Federal Income Tax Form.

Exclusions

FERPA does not give students access to the following records or information:

- Financial records of parents or any information therein;
- Confidential letters and statements of recommendation which were placed in the education record prior to January 1, 1974;
- Records to which access has been waived by the student. (This exclusion applies only if a student, upon request, is notified of the names of all persons making confidential recommendations and if such recommendations are used solely for the purpose for which they were intended.)

Destruction of Education Records

Meredith College will retain student educational records as long as information is valid and useful. Student educational records will be destroyed when the records are no longer of use to the institution. Any such records will be destroyed by means of confidential disposal.

Costs and Financial Assistance

Financial Assistance Office, Johnson Hall

(919) 760-8565

Accounting Office, Johnson Hall

(919) 760-8363

Tuition and Fees 2014–15

Payments for tuition and fees are due in full on August 1 for the fall semester and on December 1 for the spring semester.

MBA and MBA Foundations:	\$782 per credit hour
MBA Program Fee:	\$125 per semester (fall and spring)
Education, Nutrition:	\$535 per credit hour
Education and Nutrition Program Fees:	\$75 per semester (fall, spring)
MAT Student Teaching Fee:	\$505
Dietetic Internship:	\$9,100
Dietetic Internship (ISPP):	\$15,900
Dietetic Internship (Wake Med)	\$13,500
Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Didactic Program in Dietetics:	\$8,820 ¹ per semester (fall and spring) ²
	¹ \$8,820 for up to 12 hours; \$795 per credit in excess of 12 hours
	² Summer courses offered at the undergraduate tuition charge.
Paralegal Program Tuition and Fees	
Legal Survey	\$915.00
Legal Research	\$915.00
Westlaw Password	\$40.00
Law Office Management	\$915.00
Legal Specialty	\$3,255.00
Internship (optional)	\$160.00

If a graduate or post-baccalaureate student plans to take undergraduate courses:

Semester Credit Hours	Semester Charge
1	\$795
2	\$1,590
3	\$2,385
4	\$3,180
5	\$3,975
6	\$5,295
7	\$6,615
8	\$7,935
9	\$9,900
10	\$11,865
11	\$13,830
12-18	\$16,030

Student Health Insurance \$1,804 per year
(Dietetic Internship and Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Certificate students)

Payment Methods

You may pay by check, money order, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Visa is not accepted. Cash is accepted during business hours. Credit card payments may be made online through Tuition Management Systems (TMS).

Make checks and money orders payable to Meredith College and mail to: Meredith College, Accounting Office, 3800 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27607-5298. You may also pay in person via cash, check, or money order during business hours. E-check and credit card payments (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover) are made online.

Payment Plan Option

As an alternate to paying tuition and fees in full on the due date of each semester, a student may elect to divide the cost into equal monthly payments, beginning in July of each year. There is an enrollment fee for this service, which is administered by Tuition Management Systems, www.afford.com or (800) 356-8329.

Please note: Payment plans are not available for summer school.

Loan Eligibility

Graduate and post-baccalaureate program students may be eligible to borrow funds from the Federal Direct Stafford Loan Program to assist with their educational expenses. Applications for financial assistance (FAFSA) and for the loan programs are available at the Office of Financial Assistance in Johnson Hall or by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov.

MBA Scholarships

Two scholarship funds provide financial assistance for degree-seeking students in the Master of Business Administration program. Information about these scholarships is provided to eligible applicants and students upon request.

The Shearon Harris Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Shearon Harris, a Meredith trustee, chairman of the Board of Associates, and an exemplary community leader. His family established the fund to express a commitment to church-related higher education and to perpetuate his interest in supporting Meredith College students.

The Wyford Scholarships are made possible by a bequest from Meredith graduate, Louise Ledford Wyatt, '30. The Wyford

Scholarship Fund was established by her husband, Guy E. Wyatt; her mother, Bess J. Hord; and her father, John Ferris Ledford.

Teacher Tuition Assistance

Licensed teachers enrolled in the Master of Education program are eligible to receive tuition assistance of \$200 for each three-credit course. Students must be under contract in a North Carolina public or private school at the K–12 level. The student must have the principal of the school verify employment each contract term. Students return these forms to the Accounting Office.

Martin Marietta Scholarships for Graduate Education Programs

Martin Marietta scholarships for Education students are open to all degree-seeking graduate students, or add-on licensure students who demonstrate the following: financial need, academic success and commitment to teaching. In accordance with Martin Marietta guidelines, priority is given to students whose specialty is teaching English as a second language.

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program

Beginning July 1, 2008, the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program will provide up to \$4,000 a year in grant aid to undergraduate and graduate students and students enrolled in a post-baccalaureate teacher credential program, or current or prospective teachers. For more information about this federal program, please visit the US Department of Education website. Contact our office to receive a checklist of steps that must be completed in order to receive the TEACH grant. Once the steps on the checklist have been completed and the proper documentation has been submitted to the financial assistance office, you may complete the TEACH grant agreement to serve located at <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/studentHome.action>.

Witt-Beauchamp Scholarship for Dietetic Internship

One scholarship is awarded per year to a student accepted into the Meredith College Dietetic Internship. Information about this scholarship is provided to eligible applicants. The Witt-Beauchamp Dietetic Internship Scholarship is supported by the Witt-Beauchamp Endowment gifted by Celia Witt Beauchamp '78 and Chad Lewis Beauchamp. This gift is to support students, aspiring to practice dietetics/nutrition, in their efforts to become registered dietitians.

Graduate Research Initiative Proposal (GRIP) Grant

To support unusual costs related to graduate research (e.g., travel, data collection instruments), students can apply for grants up

to \$500. Applications are submitted to the appropriate Program Director. The Assistant Provost for graduate programs reviews grant applications and makes the awards. Applications available in the graduate studies office, 760-8058.

Parking

To park on campus, students are required to have a parking decal, which can be purchased for the academic year (August through July) from the Campus Security Office. Daily passes are also available. For more information about parking see page 54.

Master of Business Administration

School of Business

Harris Building

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School of Business Mission Statement

The School of Business at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. provides an engaging learning experience for women at the undergraduate level and both women and men at the graduate level. Our programs develop confident leaders skilled in communication, teamwork, and ethical decision-making.

Students are challenged to utilize their strengths and to identify development opportunities that prepare them for successful careers.

Excellent teaching is complemented by strong faculty-student relationships, active faculty scholarship, and service to the College and North Carolina.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will possess the ability to integrate advanced business skills and professional experiences to:

- analyze and evaluate business situations by applying critical thinking, decision making and problem-solving skills to develop an appropriate course of action;
- work successfully in team settings to interact and collaborate with professionals from diverse backgrounds and industries;
- demonstrate leadership capabilities and use self-reflection and feedback to develop a personal leadership style;
- communicate and share complex information, in an oral or written form, in a structured manner appropriate to a business environment; and
- recognize ethical issues within the business context and utilize skills to make ethical business decisions while considering implications of all stakeholders.

Program of Study

The MBA program consists of 30 semester hours of core curriculum coursework which includes two electives. For some students, additional foundations courses (3 to 12 credit hours) may be required. Foundations equivalents may be satisfied by prior coursework or approved subject examination.

Admitted students must complete necessary Foundations or equivalents as determined by the Director. Enrollment in select 600-level courses is permitted concurrent with or prior to the student's enrollment in a 500-level course with approval of the Director. All foundations or equivalents must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Up to six hours of transfer credit may be applied to a graduate degree program at Meredith subject to approval by the Program Director. All transfer courses must carry a grade of B or better and be taken at an AACSB-accredited institution. All requests for transfer courses are subject to approval from the Program Director, and may not exceed the six-hour maximum. Transfer course (s) must fall within the six-year limit for program completion.

An MBA with an option for a Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics is offered through a partnership with the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Upon admission to the MBA, degree-seeking students who maintain continuous enrollment in the MBA program can choose to complete requirements for the certificate, typically a total of 15 to 18 hours, with six hours of coursework eligible for transfer as MBA elective equivalents.

Required Coursework*

Core Curriculum:

MBA 610 – GLOBAL CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

MBA 620 – DOMESTIC AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES

MBA 630 – ACCOUNTING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

MBA 640 – MANAGEMENT AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP

MBA 650 – MANAGERIAL FINANCE

MBA 670 – MARKETING STRATEGY

MBA 680 – OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

MBA 699 – INTEGRATED STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

MBA Elective (choose 2):

MBA 643 – LEADING IN GLOBAL BUSINESS SETTINGS

MBA 645 – STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATION

MBA 644 – BUSINESS CONSULTING

MBA 646 – LAW AND ETHICS FOR MANAGERS

MBA 648 – PROJECT MANAGEMENT

MBA 682 – BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

MBA 695 – SPECIAL TOPICS IN BUSINESS

**assumes successful completion of Foundations or equivalents, as determined by the Director. Elective offerings vary each summer.*

Business Foundations Certificate

Applicants to the Business Foundations Certificate program will complete the admissions process for Post-Baccalaureate Study. Students who successfully complete all Foundations courses at Meredith will receive a certificate of completion signed by the Dean of the School of Business.

MBA Course Descriptions

MBA 510 – FOUNDATIONS IN QUANTITATIVE METHODS

An introduction to the theory, principles, and application of statistical and other quantitative analytic techniques which provides an effective means of managerial practices such as business performance appraisal, market trend evaluation, and managerial decision making. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

MBA 520 – FOUNDATIONS IN ECONOMICS

An introduction to the theories, principles, and applications of microeconomics and macroeconomics. Topics include pricing decisions, elasticity, market structure analysis, business cycles, taxation, and monetary policy. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

MBA 530 – FOUNDATIONS IN ACCOUNTING

An introduction to financial accounting from a user's perspective including how financial statements are prepared, the interpretation of information provided in financial statements, and the analysis of financial data. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

MBA 550 – FOUNDATIONS IN FINANCE

A survey of issues related to the acquisition and management of funds by the firm. Topics in the course include time value of money, analysis of financial statements, asset valuation, forecasting of cash flows, capital budgeting, and cost of capital. Prerequisite: MBA 530 or with approval of the Director. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

MBA 610 – GLOBAL CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

This course focuses on the development of skills and behaviors required for successful global leadership. Emphasis is placed on enhancing the students' communication skills, both written and oral, individually and in teams. Students prepare a corporate communications audit of a multi-national corporation, critique executives' communication skills, and develop an understanding of their own leadership strengths through a personal development plan. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

MBA 620 – DOMESTIC AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES

Application of economics principles to the tasks and problems faced by business managers. Focus is on the impacts of market structure, the legal/political environment, macroeconomic environment and international considerations on value-maximization decisions pertaining to resource usage, production levels, and pricing strategies as practiced in imperfectly competitive markets. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

MBA 630 – ACCOUNTING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

An approach to analysis of data and information relevant to management decision making. Topics covered include budgeting, differential costs in alternative decisions, allocation of cost, cost relationships, pricing, standard costing, and performance evaluation. This course also emphasizes the planning and use of information technology for business processes and decision making in business. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

MBA 640 – MANAGEMENT AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP

An exploration of the theory and application of management and leadership skills for enhancement of individual, team and organizational effectiveness.

This course examines the ethical issues business managers routinely face and the implications for various stakeholders. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

MBA 643 – LEADING IN GLOBAL BUSINESS SETTINGS

This course focuses on strategic and managerial issues related to international business management, including transferring company practices to foreign environments, implementing effective strategies for diverse workforces, and developing the leadership skills required for success in multinational contexts. Emphasis will be placed on managing operations in Europe, Latin America, and Asia. *Summer, 3 hours.*

MBA 644 – BUSINESS CONSULTING

Teams complete strategic consulting projects for local companies. The consulting teams are expected to identify and analyze problems confronting the company and recommend resolutions to the management team in the form of written reports and oral presentations. Prerequisite: completion of a minimum of 12 hours of 600-level MBA courses. *Summer, 3 hours.*

MBA 645 – STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATION

This course focuses on the strategies and tactics of effective negotiation for business leaders. Through exercises and role play, students will learn the art and science of negotiation and develop the planning techniques, analytical perspectives, and interpersonal skills necessary for creating effective, ethical, and advantageous agreements. *Summer, 3 hours.*

MBA 646 – LAW AND ETHICS FOR MANAGERS

This course enables students to comprehend the legal principles that arise in business so that they can identify legal issues that pose potential threats. An appreciation of the law will give managers the tools they need to protect their firms from unnecessary liability. Topics include business ethics, contracts, sales, labor and employment, product liability, intellectual property, business forms, secured transactions and bankruptcy. *Summer, 3 hours.*

MBA 648 – PROJECT MANAGEMENT

This course is designed to equip students with the essential skills and knowledge to effectively manage projects. Topics include project planning, organizing, directing, and controlling. The focus will be on the application of tools and techniques that can be applied to defining projects, establishing task structure, planning and budgeting, and managing of resources to achieve the project objects, and post-project evaluation. *Summer, 3 hours.*

MBA 650 – MANAGERIAL FINANCE

An examination of the role of financial management of the firm. Emphasis is on the basic techniques utilized in financial decision making, valuing, cash flows, capital structure, managing working capital, and optimal investment policy. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

MBA 670 – MARKETING STRATEGY

An examination of the marketing management decision process, with particular emphasis on market opportunity analysis, strategy development, product planning, pricing, distribution, and promotional strategy, and the integration of marketing mix variables with segmentation and targeting decisions. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

MBA 680 – OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

This course provides a multi-industry study of operations, with an emphasis on integrated design of the supply chain across cultural and economic boundaries. Topics covered include design, planning, and controlling of operations, the design of quality management systems, technology management, and the role and influence of technology in operations and supply chain management. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

MBA 682 – BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

This course focuses on the development of a practical understanding of information systems devoted to the capturing, transmitting, storing, retrieving, manipulating, and displaying information in contemporary business practice. The purpose of the course is to provide students with an understanding of the system perspective and to provide them with skills in the use of information systems. The course requires development of models of information systems in the area of distribution, production, human resource management, and accounting. *Summer, 3 hours.*

MBA 690 – INDEPENDENT STUDY

A student-developed independent study project designed to be carried out with a faculty advisor. These projects may involve field work in addition to academic research, reading, and conferences with the faculty member. *3 hours.*

MBA 695 – SPECIAL TOPICS IN BUSINESS

This course is offered as needed. It is normally an examination of significant issues, theories, and practical problems in the areas of management, finance, marketing, accounting, or economics. The specific topic for a given semester and the course content are selected to meet student interests and needs. *Summer, 3 hours.*

MBA 699 – INTEGRATED STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

A capstone study that examines executive-level policy and decision-making processes in setting goals, determining objectives, and developing and implementing action plans. The course emphasizes tactical and strategic planning through the use of relevant problems and case studies that include social, ethical, political, financial, and economic factors. Students will apply newly acquired concepts in the creation of a business plan. Prerequisites: completion of 18 hours of 600-level courses to be taken in student's final fall or spring semester. *Fall and Spring, 3 hours.*

COE 600 – GRADUATE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

A cooperative educational experience with companies and agencies approved by the Academic and Career Planning Office and the student's advisor. Participating students are supervised by a faculty advisor assigned by the program. This course may be taken on multiple occasions. Credits will be in addition to the requirements of the program. A student must be enrolled for at least one graduate course in the semester in which s/he is enrolled in a cooperative experience. Prerequisite: three semester hours of graduate credit at Meredith. *3 hours.*

Master of Education

Department of Education

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Education is to prepare educators who have the knowledge, skills and values to effectively teach all students. Meredith College students are transformed by a rigorous education that fosters leadership, promotes reflective practice, and cultivates passion for learning and the art of teaching. We develop teachers who appreciate their significant role in a diverse society.

The Master of Education degree program is for the K–12 teacher who has a baccalaureate degree and a teaching license. Students take a common core of courses and select a concentration—Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG), Elementary Education, English as a Second Language (ESL), Reading, or Special Education (general curriculum). Add-on licensure options include AIG (K–12), ESL (K–12), Reading, (K–12), and Special Education (general curriculum K–12).

Courses are scheduled for fall, spring and summer so that working teachers can continue both professional service and career development simultaneously.

Program Goals of the Master of Education

The candidate will be able to:

- Examine critically the purposes of education and articulate a personal philosophy of education;
- Demonstrate leadership in the classroom, school, community, and profession;
- Establish a respectful, supportive, and inclusive environment for a diverse population of students and their families;
- Demonstrate advanced depth and breadth of content and curriculum expertise;
- Facilitate student learning, including the ability to conduct and use research to examine and improve instructional effectiveness and student achievement;
- Engage in reflective practice and the development of meaningful professional goals.

License Renewal Credits

Students holding baccalaureate degrees from regionally accredited colleges or universities may take courses in the Master of Education program. Students may use these credits to apply to the renewal of their teaching license. It is the responsibility of students to secure approval from the State Department of Public Instruction prior to pursuing coursework. Students may also apply up to six credit hours of Post-Baccalaureate Study (PBS) coursework toward the Master of Education or Licensure-only programs.

Culminating Experiences

Upon completion of all class work, a student must complete a Professional Portfolio. The purpose of the portfolio is for each student to reflect on the impact of graduate work on his or her professional development and to demonstrate competency in meeting program goals.

To complete the requirements for North Carolina licensure in your area up to three external exams may be required. North Carolina State licensure test requirements are subject to change. Consult with your advisor.

Foreign Language Requirement for ESL

Before completing the program, students in the M.Ed. or Licensure program for English as a Second Language (ESL) must have one year of college or university foreign language instruction or the equivalent.

Master of Education Course Descriptions

EDU 605 – WEB 2.0 FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Designed to assist students in the development of strategies for the use of the current technologies in the K-12 classroom. Students will critically examine the role of technology in the classroom, and understand the effective use of technology. Prerequisites: Basic computer knowledge. *Varies, Contact Department Head, 3 hours*

EDU 610 – ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

An in-depth exploration of fundamental questions about teaching, learning and human development designed to facilitate more meaningful classroom teaching. The course is highly interactive with learning taking place through individual and group research projects, seminar discussions, student directed workshops and presentations; thus, facilitating the development of teachers as researchers and educational leaders. *Spring, 3 hours*

EDU 611 – CURRICULUM, EDUCATION AND SOCIETY

This course provides the opportunity to use critical thinking to understand curriculum, its place in schools, and its relationship to society. Students will explore the development of curriculum over time and its relationship to the

larger aims of education. They will engage in analysis of the connections among curriculum, instruction, and social/cultural expectations. Students are expected to become reflective about their philosophical and cultural assumptions, to develop their own visions of possibilities for classroom practice, and to be able to apply these ideas in their classroom. As a result, they will be better equipped to lead effectively and to establish a positive and productive environment for a diverse population of students. *Spring, 3 hours*

EDU 612 – MENTORING AND LEADING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In this course, teachers develop an understanding and philosophy of teacher leadership in public schools. The course recognizes the teacher as a leader within a diverse professional community that is often focused on reform and change. Participants will critically reflect on various leadership theories with the purpose of discerning leadership styles and practices that best support them as teacher-leaders and/or future administrators. Recognizing and examining the human dynamics associated with leadership, highlighting best practices in motivation, management, mentoring, performance appraisal, and career/professional development, and applying these concepts to real-life scenarios and case studies will position the teacher-leader as a change agent within the educational community. *Varies, Contact Department Head, 3 hours*

EDU 615 – MATHEMATICAL THINKING IN CHILDREN

Teachers examine what it means to know and learn K-5 mathematics based upon theory and research in cognitive psychology and mathematics education. A variety of materials that help illustrate students' thinking in mathematical contexts are used to provoke consideration of how students develop mathematical knowledge. Regular "field experiences" with elementary school-aged children are required. *Spring, 3 hours*

EDU 625 – INCLUSIVE PRACTICES FOR EDUCATORS

Designed to provide the practicing general classroom teacher with knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed for successful inclusive teaching including an understanding of the nature and characteristics of the learning and behavior challenges that students with special needs face in the regular classroom, and the practical procedures, collaborative practices, and instructional strategies that lead to successful inclusion. *Spring, 3 hours*

EDU 630 – EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH I

Organized around classroom-based inquiry and focused on the development of teachers as researchers, this course emphasizes understanding of research design and methods; reading and interpreting empirical information in professional literature; collecting and interpreting data; and linking research findings to educational practice. Also emphasized are the uses of library and Internet resources; analysis and critique of educational research; collaboration with colleagues in the research process; and an introduction to elementary statistics. *Fall, 3 hours*

EDU 631 – EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH II

This second course in Educational Research is designed to provide the practicing teacher with a deeper understanding of the knowledge and methods used by investigators to conduct disciplined inquiry. It continues to be organized around classroom-based inquiry and focused on the development of teachers as researchers. The course includes consideration of concepts, research designs, and procedures from both quantitative and qualitative

approaches. In this course, teacher-researchers conclude the process of conducting individual research. Prerequisite: EDU 630. Pass/Fail. *Spring, 3 hours*

EDU 635 – INTRODUCTION TO THE GIFTED INDIVIDUAL

What is "giftedness?" What are the major social, cultural and historical forces that have influenced the definition of this concept over time? What sources are responsible for producing -- in an individual -- those characteristics that result in that person being labeled a "gifted individual?" Given what we now know, how should we identify gifted individuals? Should the development of persons as "gifted individuals" be supported? What kinds of things can be done -- in schools and elsewhere -- to support the development of gifted individuals? Who should be responsible for the development of gifted individuals and how well are we doing in providing this support? These questions, and the answers to them, are all very important to persons who care about gifted individuals -- and who may want to help in their development. All of these questions will be addressed in some depth in the context of this course. *Fall, 3 hours*

EDU 636 – MODELS AND METHODS OF GIFTED EDUCATION

This course is designed to allow practicing classroom teachers to gain a depth of understanding of current curriculum and program models in gifted education, and to apply that knowledge to extend the North Carolina Standard Course of Study for gifted learners. In addition, participants will examine strategies embedded within various models, and evaluate the appropriateness of given models. *Spring, 3 hours*

EDU 637 – DIFFERENTIATION FOR THE ACADEMICALLY/INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED LEARNER

This course is designed to give practicing teachers the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for teaching academically/intellectually gifted learners in diverse settings. Because today's classrooms are increasingly diverse and inclusive, teachers must be able to identify and accommodate a range of learner needs, including those of gifted learners. Participants in this course will develop skill in using a variety of models and strategies to effectively respond to the particular learning needs of the gifted. Building on the knowledge and skills attained in the Models and Methods course and using widely-held standards for the effective teaching of gifted learners (CEC-NAGC Initial Knowledge & Skill Standards for Gifted and Talented Education), participants will analyze and evaluate lessons and units designed for use with the gifted. They will also create and teach standards-based lessons and units that demonstrate their understanding and effective use of instructional and management strategies recommended as appropriate for gifted learners. Prerequisite EDU 636. *Spring and Summer, 3 hours*

EDU 638 – SPECIAL TOPICS IN GIFTED EDUCATION

This course focuses on special topics and issues related to education of the gifted. The primary purpose of the course is to develop in participants the knowledge, conceptual understandings, and skills to recognize and nurture effectively giftedness in all gifted students, including those students who are typically underserved. Specific topics included in the course include the psycho-social adjustment and guidance of gifted learners, the plight of underserved populations of gifted learners, collaboration and consultation in gifted education. *Summer, 3 hours*

EDU 639 – CREATIVITY

Creativity has proven to be one of the most elusive of psychological concepts. This course will examine several conceptually different ways of defining creativity, along with attempts to describe the characteristics of the creative individual. Creative production and how you get there – the creative process – will also be considered along with the three major approaches for enhancing creative production. Students will learn not only the basic concepts and procedures that make up these approaches, but will have an opportunity to put them into practice in three group simulation experiences as well. A discussion of the environmental conditions that contribute to creativity will round out the course. *Fall, 3 hours*

EDU 641 – METHODS OF TEACHING ESL

An introduction to the field of TESL, focusing on the methods and materials of teaching various language skills and knowledge areas. Attention will be given to the integrated teaching of all skills within a communicative setting. Field experiences required. *Fall, 3 hours*

EDU 643 – SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

A broad view of second language acquisition from both psycholinguistic and sociolinguistic perspectives. Includes a comparison of first and second language learning, current theories of second language acquisition, the effect of social interaction upon speech styles, and how speech defines groups. Applications are made to second language teaching. Field experiences required. *Summer, 3 hours*

EDU 645 – CULTURE AND THE LANGUAGE TEACHER

A study of the basic concepts of intercultural communication, including a comparison of American cultural orientations with those of other countries. A look at how these cultural differences relate to language teaching and learning. Field experiences required. *Summer, 3 hours*

EDU 647 – TEACHING ESL IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A course focusing on the particular needs of the K-12 teacher: historical and legal background of bilingual and ESL education, assessment and placement of ESL learners, literacy development, content-based instruction and the adaptation of curricular materials. Field experiences required. *Spring, 3 hours*

EDU 648 – GRAMMAR AND LINGUISTICS FOR ESL TEACHERS

A look at language as a system with particular focus on teaching English as a Second Language to students in public schools grades K-12. Considers teaching implications of English grammar, phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics, and syntax. Field experiences required. *Spring, 3 hours*

EDU 670 – FOUNDATIONS OF LITERACY

This is a foundational course and a prerequisite to EDU 675 and EDU 676 in the Reading strand of the M.Ed. program. This course examines literacy theories and research which are essential to the understanding of the developmental process of reading. Specific emphasis is given to the examination of the core literacy curriculum identified by the National Reading Panel (2000): phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. In addition, effective evidence-based instructional practices K-12 are examined for developmental readers and culturally and linguistically diverse students. *Fall, 3 hours*

EDU 671 – ADOLESCENT LITERACY AND LEARNING ACROSS THE CONTENT AREAS

This course provides an in-depth study of the theories, research and instructional methods associated with reading and learning processes across the different content areas of the curriculum. Special emphasis is given to adolescent learners and the literacy tools essential for life-long learning, including critical thinking, problem-solving and digital literacy skills. *Summer, 3 hours*

EDU 675 – INTERVENTION IN THE READING PROCESS (K-3)

This course provides an in-depth study of the theories, research and instructional methods associated with early literacy development and intervention to support students who struggle to learn to read. In addition, candidates will study early literacy assessments, interpret data and plan appropriate interventions for their client. Progress monitoring of student literacy growth and collaboration with parents and other teaching professionals are integral to the practicum experience. *Fall, 3 hours*

EDU 676 – INTERVENTION IN THE READING PROCESS (4-12)

This course provides an in-depth study of the theories, research and instructional methods associated with literacy development and intervention to support students at the upper elementary, middle or secondary level who have significant reading problems. Candidates will study literacy assessments, interpret data and plan appropriate interventions for their client. Progress monitoring of student literacy growth and collaboration with parents and other teaching professionals are integral to the practicum experience. *Spring, 3 hours*

EDU 677 – THE TEACHING OF WRITING IN THE K-12 CLASSROOM

This goal of this course is to assist teachers in developing the writing skills of K-12 students. At the conclusion of the course students will show familiarity with current theories; be able to describe and assist students at various stages of the writing process, describe and assist children learning to write who have cultural and linguistic differences, show familiarity with writing evaluation techniques, writing across the curriculum, and integrate technology in the writing process. *Summer, 3 hours*

EDU 679 – GRADUATE PRACTICUM

This three week, full-time (or equivalent) field experience occurs in a public school setting (K-12). Students will complete a practicum-based product aligned with state standards and indicators for licensure in their specialty area as determined necessary by their advisor. Pass/Fail. *Fall, Spring, and Summer, 1 hour.*

EDU 710 – OVERVIEW OF EXCEPTIONALITIES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

This course provides an overview of various exceptionalities and the services offered in special education. The course is intended to give the student a foundation of knowledge about the nature and needs of children with special needs, and introduces the student to causes and characteristics of specific disabilities, service delivery models, historical and current issues, legislation, research, trends, and controversies in special education. Field experiences required. *Fall, 3 hours*

EDU 711 – READING AND WRITING METHODS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

The purpose of the course is to develop the instructional competencies of school personnel to effectively teach students with persistent reading and

writing problems as well as to select and implement comprehensive reading programs within their schools. Although the focus of this course is on students who have shown persistent problems learning to read and write (especially those students identified as having special education needs who are participating in regular classrooms), the information is also appropriate for individuals interested in developing early intervention programs. Field experiences required. *Spring, 3 hours*

EDU 712 – MATH AND WRITING METHODS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

This course is designed to introduce candidates to the knowledge, skills and procedures needed to provide effective instruction for students with persistent mathematical difficulties. The principles, techniques, methods, and strategies presented in this class are based on research-validated instructional strategies. The class will provide candidates an understanding of what it takes to build an individualized mathematics instructional program that will have a direct impact on the academic performance of their students. Credit is given to the NCSIP II grant for content and procedure. Field experiences required. *Spring, 3 hours*

EDU 713 – COLLABORATION WITH PROFESSIONALS AND FAMILIES FOR SPECIAL AND GENERAL EDUCATORS AND SPECIALISTS

The expectations for professionals who work in schools and other education settings are changing dramatically. Although most educators enter the field because of their commitment to work with students, few can be successful unless they refine their skills for interacting with other professionals and families. Educators routinely participate in team meetings and collaborative problem solving activities in a variety of settings in which their ability to effectively communicate is critical. This course is designed to assist students in building their collaborative skills, developing skills for effectively participating in difficult interactions, and is intended to help students attain the knowledge and skills to be leaders in collaborative efforts in schools. Field experiences required. *Fall and Summer, 3 hours*

EDU 714 – LEARNING STRATEGIES ACROSS THE CURRICULUM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

This course examines models for teaching learning strategies, metacognitive strategies guiding the learning of content, for students with mild/moderate disabilities in grades K -12. Students will examine educational research on the application of literacy and learning strategies in the content areas and will learn ways to assess students' understandings and to use the assessment to plan for instruction. Prerequisites: EDU 711 and EDU 712. Field experiences required. *Summer, 3 hours*

EDU 715 – PROCEDURES, POLICIES, AND ASSESSMENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

This course provides students with a broad knowledge and understanding of a wide range of legal issues concerning providing special education services to students with disabilities. Students will have a foundation in effective and efficient assessment and evaluative practices, including standardized and curriculum-based assessment. Field experiences required. *Summer, 3 hours*

EDU 800 – GRADUATE STUDY

Provides enrollment for students with pending degree requirements but not registered for other courses. May be repeated as needed. Pass/Fail. *Fall,*

Spring, and Summer, 1 hour

EDU 801 – GRADUATE PORTFOLIO

This course is designed to facilitate the completion of the M.Ed. graduate portfolio. Students should enroll in this course in the semester or summer session during which they plan to complete their program of study. Students must be enrolled in at least one other course concurrently. Pass/Fail. *Fall, Spring, and Summer, 0 hours.*

M.Ed. Program Overview

M.Ed. with AIG	M.Ed. with ESL	M.Ed. with SPED	M.Ed. with RDG
<p>Professional Studies (Required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 605 Web 2.0 for Teaching and Learning •EDU 610 Adv Educational Psych •EDU 612 Mentoring and Leading in Public Schools •EDU 713 Collaboration with Professionals & Families for Special & General Educators & Specialists 	<p>Required by Advisement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •One graduate course in literacy <p>Choose Three (Required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 605 Web 2.0 for Teaching and Learning •EDU 610 Adv Educational Psych •EDU 611 Curriculum Education & Society •EDU 612 Mentoring and Leading in Public Schools •EDU 713 Collaboration with Professionals & Families for Special & General Educators & Specialists 	<p>Professional Studies (Required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 625 Inclusive Practices for Educators •EDU 677 The Teaching of Writing in the K-12 Classroom •EDU 713 Collaboration with Professionals & Families for Special & General Educators & Specialists <p>Choose One:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 605 Web 2.0 for Teaching and Learning •EDU 610 Adv Educational Psych •EDU 671 Adolescent Literacy and Learning Across the Content Areas •EDU 675 Intervention in the Reading Process (K-3) •EDU 676 Intervention in the Reading Process (4-12) 	<p>Professional Studies (Required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 611 Curriculum, Education & Society •EDU 612 Mentoring and Leading in Public Schools <p>Choose Two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 605 Web 2.0 for Teaching and Learning •EDU 610 Adv Educational Psych •EDU 625 Inclusive Practices for Educators •EDU 713 Collaboration with Professionals & Families for Special & General Educators & Specialists
<p>Specialty Courses (Required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 635 Introduction to the Gifted Individual •EDU 636 Models and Methods of Gifted Education •EDU 637 Differentiation for the Gifted Learner •EDU 638 Special Topics in Gifted Education •EDU 639 Creativity <p>By Advisement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 679 Graduate Practicum required for those with no AIG teaching experience and/or no teaching experience across grade levels. 	<p>Specialty Courses (Required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 641 Methods of Teaching ESL •EDU 643 Second Lang Acquisition •EDU 645 Culture & the Lang Teacher •EDU 647 Teaching ESL in the Public Schools •EDU 648 Grammar and Linguistics for ESL Teachers <p>By Advisement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 679 Graduate Practicum required for those with no ESL teaching experience and/or no teaching experience across grade levels. <p>Must show evidence of having studied a college-level foreign language for one year or equivalent</p>	<p>Specialty Courses (Required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 710 Overview of Exceptionalities for Special Educators •EDU 711 Reading and Writing Methods for Special Educators •EDU 712 Math and Writing Methods for Special Educators •EDU 714 Learning Strategies across the Curriculum for Special Educators •EDU 715 Procedures, Policies, and Assessment for Special Educators <p>By Advisement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 679 Graduate Practicum required for those with no ESL teaching experience and/or no teaching experience across grade levels. 	<p>Specialty Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 670 Foundations of Literacy •EDU 671 Adolescent Literacy and Learning Across the Content Areas •EDU 675 Intervention in the Reading Process (K-3) •EDU 676 Intervention in the Reading Process (4-12) •EDU 677 The Teaching of Writing in the K-12 Classroom <p>By Advisement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 679 Graduate Practicum required for those with no language arts teaching experience.
<p>Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 630 Educational Research I •EDU 631 Educational Research II 	<p>Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 630 Educational Research I •EDU 631 Educational Research II 	<p>Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 630 Educational Research I •EDU 631 Educational Research II 	<p>Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 630 Educational Research I •EDU 631 Educational Research II
EDU 801: Graduate Portfolio	EDU 801: Graduate Portfolio	EDU 801: Graduate Portfolio	EDU 801: Graduate Portfolio
Total Hours: 33-34	Total Hours: 33-34	Total Hours: 33-34	Total Hours: 33-34

Add-On Licensure Options

AIG—Add-On Licensure	ESL—Add-On Licensure	SPED—Add-On Licensure	RDG—Add-On Licensure
<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 635 Introduction to the Gifted Individual •EDU 636 Models and Methods of Gifted Education •EDU 637 Differentiation for the Gifted Learner •EDU 638 Special Topics in Gifted Education <p>By Advisement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 679 Graduate Practicum required for those with no AIG teaching experience and/or no teaching experience across grade levels. 	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 641 Methods of Teaching ESL •EDU 643 Second Lang Acquisition •EDU 645 Culture & the Lang Teacher •EDU 647 Teaching ESL in the Public Schools •EDU 648 Grammar and Linguistics for ESL Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •One graduate reading course <p>By Advisement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 679 Graduate Practicum required for those with no ESL teaching experience and/or no teaching experience across grade levels. <p>Must show evidence of having studied a college-level foreign language for one year or equivalent</p>	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 625 Inclusive Practices for Educators •EDU 710 Overview of Exceptionalities for Special Educators •EDU 711 Reading and Writing Methods for Special Educators •EDU 712 Math and Writing Methods for Special Educators •EDU 713 Collaboration with Professionals & Families for Special & General Educators & Specialists •EDU 714 Learning Strategies across the Curriculum for Special Educators •EDU 715: Procedures, Policies, and Assessment for Special Educators •EDU 679 Graduate Practicum 	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 670 Foundations of Literacy •EDU 671 Adolescent Literacy and Learning Across the Content Areas •EDU 675 Intervention in the Reading Process (K-3) •EDU 676 Intervention in the Reading Process (4-12) •EDU 677 The Teaching of Writing in the K-12 Classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •One graduate elective (by advisement)
Total: 12-13	Total: 18-19	Total: 22	Total: 18

M.Ed. Program Overview (continued)

M.Ed. with ELEM	M.Ed. with ELEM (if initial license is outside of K-6)
<p>Professional Studies (Required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 605 Web 2.0 for Teaching & Learning •EDU 610 Adv Educational Psych •EDU 611 Curriculum, Education & Society •EDU 612 Mentoring and Leading in Public Schools 	<p>By advisement based on previous experience with particular content areas and/or students. Must take a total of 4 courses (12 hours) in this category:</p> <p>Professional Studies (Required): Choose 2-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 605 Web 2.0 for Teaching & Learning •EDU 610 Adv Educational Psych •EDU 611 Curriculum, Education & Society •EDU 612 Mentoring and Leading in Public Schools <p>If SPED experience lacking (choose 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 625 Inclusive Practices for Educators •EDU 710 Overview of the Exceptionalities for Special Educators •EDU 713 Collaboration with Professionals & Families for Special & General Educators & Specialists <p>If ESL experience lacking (choose 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 641 Methods of Teaching ESL •EDU 645 Culture and the Language Teacher •EDU 647 Teaching ESL in the Public Schools
<p>Specialty Courses</p> <p>Literacy (choose one):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 670 Foundations of Literacy •EDU 671 Adolescent Literacy and Learning Across the Content Areas •EDU 677 Teaching Writing in the K-12 Classroom <p>Mathematics (required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 615 Mathematical Thinking in Children <p>Special Education (choose one):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 625 Inclusive Practices for Educators •EDU 710 Overview of Exceptionalities •EDU 713 Collaboration with Professionals and Families for Special and General Educators and Specialists <p>ESL (choose one):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 641 Methods of Teaching ESL •EDU 645 Culture and the Language Teacher •EDU 647 Teaching ESL in the Public Schools <p>Elective (choose one not selected above):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AIG—EDU 635 or EDU 639 •ESL—EDU 641, EDU 645, or EDU 647 •LIT—EDU 671, EDU 675, or EDU 677 •SPED—EDU 625, EDU 710, or EDU 713 	<p>Specialty Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 720 Integrating Literacy Instruction at the Primary Level •EDU 721 Integrating Literacy Instruction at the Upper Elementary Level •EDU 722 Developing Mathematical Understanding in the Primary Grades •EDU 723 Developing Mathematical Understanding in the Intermediate and Upper Elementary Grades •EDU 724 Teaching and Integrating Science and Health •EDU 725 Teaching and Integrating Social Studies and the Arts <p>By advisement, if already content-licensed and experienced in a K-12, 6-9, or 9-12 specialty content area listed here, the associated specialty course(s) may be replaced by professional studies options listed above.</p> <p>Other requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 679 Graduate Practicum
<p>Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 630 Educational Research I •EDU 631 Educational Research II 	<p>Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 630 Educational Research I •EDU 631 Educational Research II
<p>EDU 801: Graduate Portfolio</p>	<p>EDU 801: Graduate Portfolio</p>
<p>Total Hours: 33-34</p>	<p>Total Hours: 37</p>

Master of Arts in Teaching

Department of Education

Ledford Hall

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Education is to prepare educators who have the knowledge, skills and values to effectively teach all students. Meredith College students are transformed by a rigorous education that fosters leadership, promotes reflective practice, and cultivates passion for learning and the art of teaching. We develop teachers who appreciate their significant role in a diverse society.

Admission to the program is during the fall semester only as a fall cohort and both full-time and part-time tracks exist. Courses are scheduled in the evenings on campus so that working professionals may obtain licensure and a master's degree simultaneously.

Purpose of the Meredith College MAT Program

The Meredith College MAT program serves the woman or man who has a bachelor's degree in a discipline other than education, who is committed to becoming a teacher, and who is seeking initial NC teaching licensure in Elementary Education for K-6, English as a Second Language (ESL), K-12, or Special Education (general curriculum) for K-12. The goal of the M.A.T program is to prepare highly qualified beginning teachers who know how to teach all students, who have the skills to collaborate with professionals and families, who know the content areas, and who understand their roles in local, national and global contexts.

Program Goals of the Master of Arts in Teaching

The candidate will be able to:

- Examine critically the purposes of education and articulate a personal philosophy of education;
- Demonstrate leadership in the classroom, school, community, and profession;
- Establish a respectful, supportive, and inclusive environment for a diverse population of students and their families;
- Demonstrate advanced depth and breadth of content and curriculum expertise;
- Facilitate student learning, including the ability to conduct and use research to examine and improve instructional effectiveness and student achievement;
- Engage in reflective practice and the development of meaningful professional goals.

The program consists of professional studies courses and courses in a concentration (Elementary education, English as a Second Language, or Special education). The area of concentration enables students to develop expertise in one of the instructional areas of the school curriculum. A concentration in a licensure area will result in a master's level (M-level) license in that area.

Culminating Experiences

During his/her last semester of study, a student must complete a semester-long practicum, internship in the public schools. Students will also complete a professional reflections portfolio. Before applying for licensure, students must have earned a minimum score(s) on required state licensure test(s).

Foreign Language Requirement for ESL

Before completing the program, students in the MAT ESL program must have one year of college or university foreign language instruction or the equivalent.

Master of Arts in Teaching Course Descriptions

EDU 641 – METHODS OF TEACHING ESL

An introduction to the field of TESL, focusing on the methods and materials of teaching various language skills and knowledge areas. Attention will be given to the integrated teaching of all skills within a communicative setting. Field experiences required. *Fall, 3 hours.*

EDU 643 – SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

A broad view of second language acquisition from both psycholinguistic and sociolinguistic perspectives. Includes a comparison of first and second language learning, current theories of second language acquisition, the effect of social interaction upon speech styles, and how speech defines groups. Applications are made to second language teaching. Field experiences required. *Summer, 3 hours.*

EDU 645 – CULTURE AND THE LANGUAGE TEACHER

A study of the basic concepts of intercultural communication, including a comparison of American cultural orientations with those of other countries. A look at how these cultural differences relate to language teaching and learning. Field experiences required. *Summer, 3 hours.*

EDU 647 – TEACHING ESL IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A course focusing on the particular needs of the K-12 teacher: historical and legal background of bilingual and ESL education, assessment and placement of ESL learners, literacy development, content-based instruction and the adaptation of curricular materials. Field experiences required. *Spring, 3 hours.*

EDU 648 – GRAMMAR AND LINGUISTICS FOR ESL TEACHERS

A look at language as a system with particular focus on teaching English as a Second Language to students in public schools grades K-12. Considers teaching implications of English grammar, phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics, and syntax. Field experiences required. *Spring, 3 hours.*

EDU 700 – LEARNING IN CULTURAL CONTEXTS

This course explores major theories and models for understanding how children and adolescents learn; seeks to understand the complex interaction among biological, sociocultural, and psychological factors that influence learning; applies this knowledge about learning to learning and teaching in schools; and investigates the interplay between school culture and students' cultures and the implications for student achievement. The course begins with a sharp focus on the student as an individual learner, then centers on the individual working with a teacher, and finally, centers on the learner in cultural context. Explanations of structural barriers to student achievement are examined including stereotype threat, curriculum-home communication mismatch, the privileging of certain approaches to learning, and solutions for teachers are investigated. The importance of close observation of children/adolescents and careful consideration of actual student achievement data in sociocultural context are stressed. Field experiences required. *Fall, 3 hours.*

EDU 701 – POWER TOOLS FOR EDUCATORS: USING TECHNOLOGY FOR COMMUNICATION, PRESENTATION, INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN, PLANNING, AND ASSESSMENT

To meet the needs of students, to operate effectively in a school environment, and to accomplish professional responsibilities, teachers must be able to use an array of 21st century tools to communicate, maintain and manage data, conduct research, design and present lessons, and to participate in professional networks. The purpose of this course is to introduce to the basic technology tools of teachers, their applications, and the ethics associated with the profession. Through this course, you will learn and practice forms of communication specific to teaching, parent conferences and class newsletters/websites. You will learn the basic elements of lesson planning and assessment and the software that supports these tasks. You will consider the uses of presentation software and web design to support student learning. You will carefully consider the ethical dimensions associated with communicating, presenting, data management, designing instruction, and assessing, including the key provisions of the Family Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) and guidelines for email communications. Field experiences required. *Summer, 3 hours.*

EDU 702 – TEACHING DIVERSE LEARNERS IN THE CLASSROOM

One challenge that teachers face is how to work with a broad range of cultural, linguistic, and intellectual differences among their students. This course will examine differences and similarities among students and explore sociocultural and structural influences on student achievement. It will address the questions, "Who are the students in the classroom?" and "What must teachers consider when planning and implementing instruction for all of their students?" The course will focus on basic concepts related to addressing student needs through differentiation, inclusion, and teaching English as a Second Language. Field experiences required. *Spring, 3 hours.*

EDU 703 – BEHAVIOR AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

This course is designed to give teachers the knowledge and skills to create and maintain effective learning environments. One important aspect of classroom management, behavior management, will be given particular focus.

Teachers will understand how to implement positive behavior support (PBS) to help their students learn and engage in appropriate behavior. Field experiences required. *Summer, 3 hours.*

EDU 704 – LEADERSHIP IN SCHOOLS AND SOCIETY

This course helps teachers analyze the complex historical, cultural, sociological, philosophical, and theoretical perspectives which impact schools. It examines the educational process in the context of modern society and how that process is influenced by the forces of the larger community. Participants will reflect on and critically analyze their professional internship experience. Recognizing the teacher as a leader within a professional community is an important component of the course. This course helps answer the questions, "how do schools work," "how did we get here," and "where are we going and how do we get there?" Field experiences required. Co-requisites: EDU 790 and EDU 795. *Fall, 3 hours.*

EDU 710 – OVERVIEW OF EXCEPTIONALITIES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

This course provides an overview of various exceptionalities and the services offered in special education. The course is intended to give the student a foundation of knowledge about the nature and needs of children with special needs, and introduces the student to causes and characteristics of specific disabilities, service delivery models, historical and current issues, legislation, research, trends, and controversies in special education. Field experiences required. *Fall, 3 hours.*

EDU 711 – READING AND WRITING METHODS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

The purpose of the course is to develop the instructional competencies of school personnel to teach effectively students with persistent reading problems as well as to select and implement comprehensive reading programs within their schools. Although the focus of this course is on students who have shown persistent problems learning to read (especially those students identified as having special education needs who are participating in regular classrooms), the information is also appropriate for individuals interested in developing early intervention programs. Field experiences required. *Spring, 3 hours.*

EDU 712 – MATH AND WRITING METHODS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

This course is designed to introduce candidates to the knowledge, skills and procedures needed to provide effective instruction for students with persistent mathematical difficulties. The principles, techniques, methods, and strategies presented in this class are based on research-validated instructional strategies. The class will provide candidates an understanding of what it takes to build an individualized mathematics instructional program that will have a direct impact on the academic performance of their students. Field experiences required. *Spring, 3 hours.*

EDU 713 – COLLABORATION WITH PROFESSIONALS AND FAMILIES FOR SPECIAL AND GENERAL EDUCATORS AND SPECIALISTS

The expectations for professionals who work in schools and other education settings are changing dramatically. Although most educators enter the field because of their commitment to work with students, few can be successful unless they refine their skills for interacting with other professionals and families. Educators routinely participate in team meetings and collaborative problem solving activities in a variety of settings in which their ability to communicate effectively is critical. This course is designed to assist candidates in building their collaborative skills, developing skills for effectively participating in difficult interactions, and is intended to help candidates attain the

knowledge and skills to be leaders in collaborative efforts in schools. Field experiences required. *Fall, M.Ed. only; Summer, M.Ed. by permission only, 3 hours.*

EDU 714 – LEARNING STRATEGIES ACROSS THE CURRICULUM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

This course examines models for teaching learning strategies, metacognitive strategies guiding the learning of content, for students with mild/moderate disabilities in grades K -12. Candidates will examine educational research on the application of literacy and learning strategies in the content areas and will learn ways to assess students' understandings and to use the assessment to plan for instruction. Field experiences required. Pre-requisites EDU 711 and EDU 712. *Summer, 3 hours.*

EDU 715 – PROCEDURES, POLICIES, AND ASSESSMENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

This course provides candidates with a broad knowledge and understanding of a wide range of legal issues related to special education services for students with disabilities. Candidates will have a foundation in effective and efficient assessment and evaluative practices, including standardized and curriculum-based assessment. Field experiences required. *Summer, 3 hours.*

EDU 720 – INTEGRATING LITERACY INSTRUCTION AT THE PRIMARY LEVEL

This course will examine the theory, research and instructional practices essential to literacy development at the primary level in the elementary school. Candidates will learn to integrate children's literature, writing and reading instruction into a total program of balanced early literacy instruction which is culturally relevant and developmentally appropriate for children. Candidates will learn to use multiple models and approaches for assessing literacy learning and plan lessons that meet the needs of all learners. Field experiences required. *Fall, 3 hours.*

EDU 721 – INTEGRATING LITERACY INSTRUCTION AT THE UPPER ELEMENTARY LEVEL

This course will examine the theory, research and instructional practices essential to literacy development at the upper elementary level. Candidates will learn to integrate children's literature, writing and reading instruction into a total program of balanced literacy instruction which is culturally relevant and developmentally appropriate for students. Particular emphasis will be given to using literacy skills as tools for learning content material. Candidates will learn to use multiple models and approaches for assessing literacy learning and plan lessons that meet the needs of all learners. Oral presentation required. Field experiences required. *Spring, 3 hours.*

EDU 722 – DEVELOPING MATHEMATICAL UNDERSTANDING IN THE PRIMARY GRADES

This course will examine the theory, research and instructional practices essential to developing mathematical understanding at the primary level in the elementary school. Experiences in this course will focus on helping children develop a sound, foundational understanding of early number concepts, language and skills. Candidates will learn to assess children's mathematical understanding and plan engaging, meaningful learning experiences that lead to success for all learners. Prospective teachers will use culturally-relevant contexts such as children's literature, science, social studies, and the arts to engage children in mathematics. A practicum offers opportunities to apply concepts and skills learned in this course. *Fall, 3 hours.*

EDU 723 – DEVELOPING MATHEMATICAL UNDERSTANDING IN THE INTERMEDIATE & UPPER ELEMENTARY GRADES

This course will examine the theory, research and instructional practices essential to developing mathematical understanding of concepts and skills found in the intermediate elementary grades mathematics curriculum. Experiences in this course will focus on helping children develop a sound, foundational understanding of the concepts, language and skills in the areas of numeration, algebraic thinking, geometry, measurement, data analysis and probability. Candidates will learn to assess children's mathematical understanding and plan engaging, meaningful learning experiences that lead to success for all learners. Prospective teachers will use culturally-relevant contexts such as children's literature, science, social studies, and the arts to engage students in mathematics. A practicum offers opportunities to apply concepts and skills learned in this course. *Spring, 3 hours.*

EDU 724 – TEACHING AND INTEGRATING SCIENCE AND HEALTH

This course explores the nature, processes, and products of science and health with an emphasis on content, methods, and curriculum appropriate for teaching in elementary school. This course is designed to assist prospective K-6 teachers in developing competencies for teaching elementary school science and health. Emphasis is placed on content, methods, and curriculum appropriate for teaching in grades K-6. Understanding and application of concepts, methodology, and educational theory will be fostered through classroom field experiences. Field experiences required. *Summer, 3 hours.*

EDU 725 – TEACHING AND INTEGRATING SOCIAL STUDIES AND THE ARTS

Prospective elementary teachers will become familiar with the pedagogical principles of the four arts disciplines as they develop and implement learning experiences that meet curriculum objectives in both social studies and the fine arts. Field experiences required. *Summer, 3 hours.*

EDU 790 – MAT INTERNSHIP

Designed to provide a full-time experience at the appropriate grade level within the area of specialization. Internships are offered in the areas of Elementary Education (K-6), English as a Second Language (K-12), or Special Education (K-12). The candidate engages in a variety of supervised instructional activities, with gradual induction into full-time teaching responsibilities. The candidate will be supervised by both a cooperating teacher in a public school classroom and a college supervisor from the Meredith faculty. All program requirements must be met prior to enrollment. Co-requisites: EDU 704 and EDU 795. Fee assessed. *Fall, 3 hours.*

EDU 795 – GRADUATE COLLOQUIUM IN EDUCATION

A capstone seminar taken concurrently with the graduate internship. This course is designed to strengthen the professional skills of reflection as related to instructional practice, assessment and evaluation of student learning, and analysis of personal and effective classroom practices. Emphasis is placed on the five areas of the North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards. Co-requisites: EDU 704 and EDU 790. *Fall, 3 hours.*

M.A.T. Program Overview

M.A.T. in Special Education	M.A.T. in Elementary Education	M.A.T. in English as a Second Language
<p>Professional Studies Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 700: Learning in Cultural Contexts •EDU 701: Power Tools for Educators •EDU 702: Teaching Diverse Learners in the Classroom •EDU 703: Behavior and Classroom Management •EDU 704: Leadership in Schools and Society 	<p>Professional Studies Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 700: Learning in Cultural Contexts •EDU 701: Power Tools for Educators •EDU 702: Teaching Diverse Learners in the Classroom •EDU 703: Behavior and Classroom Management •EDU 704: Leadership in Schools and Society 	<p>Professional Studies Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 700: Learning in Cultural Contexts •EDU 701: Power Tools for Educators •EDU 703: Behavior and Classroom Management •EDU 704: Leadership in Schools and Society
<p>Specialty Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 710: Overview of Exceptionalities for Special Educators •EDU 711: Reading and Writing Methods for Special Educators •EDU 712: Math and Writing Methods for Special Educators •EDU 713: Collaboration with Professionals and Families for Special and General Educators and Specialists •EDU 714: Learning Strategies across the Curriculum for Special Educators •EDU 715: Procedures, Policies, and Assessment for Special Educators 	<p>Specialty Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 720: Integrating Literacy Instruction at the Primary Level •EDU 721: Integrating Literacy Instruction at the Upper Elementary Level •EDU 722: Developing Mathematical Understanding in the Primary Grades •EDU 723: Developing Mathematical Understanding in the Intermediate and Upper Elementary Grades •EDU 724: Teaching and Integrating Science and Health •EDU 725: Integrating Social Studies and the Arts 	<p>Specialty Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 641: Methods of Teaching ESL •EDU 643: Second Language Acquisition •EDU 645: Culture and the Language Teacher •EDU 647: Teaching ESL in the Public Schools •EDU 648: Grammar and Linguistics for ESL Teachers •EDU 720: Integrating Literacy Instruction at the Primary Level •EDU 721: Integrating Literacy Instruction at the Upper Elementary Level <p>Candidates must show evidence of having studied a college-level foreign language for one year or equivalent</p>
<p>Internship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 790: MAT Internship •EDU 795: Graduate Colloquium in Education 	<p>Internship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 790: MAT Internship •EDU 795: Graduate Colloquium in Education 	<p>Internship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EDU 790: MAT Internship •EDU 795: Graduate Colloquium in Education
<p>TOTAL HOURS: 39</p>	<p>TOTAL HOURS: 39</p>	<p>TOTAL HOURS: 39</p>

Master of Science in Nutrition

Department of Nutrition, Health and Human Performance

Martin Hall

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Mission Statement

Grounded in the natural and biological sciences, the Master of Science Degree in Nutrition program provides advanced study in human nutrition, including modes of inquiry in the field, the role of food and nutrients in human biology, and in the physical development and maintenance of health and well-being of individuals in the lifecycle.

Students will develop the skills to critically evaluate current and emerging issues in the field, and the tools for effective advocacy and professional involvement. The discipline of nutrition is explored recognizing the interrelationships that exist among people, diet, health, quality of life, and in the context of the modern food system.

Program Values

The Meredith Master of Science Program in Nutrition is dedicated to a set of core values that reflect standards of knowledge and practice in the field of nutrition, and a belief in the role of quality food to influence health and enrich lives. These values serve as the guiding curricular and co-curricular elements of the program:

- **Academic excellence:** promoting scholarship, curiosity, intellectual rigor and integrity.
- **Advocacy:** encouraging sound nutrition and optimum health through engagement and support of people and programs dedicated to the nutrition profession.
- **Professional development:** advancing opportunities and participation in the field of food and nutrition, and setting the foundation for life-long growth and involvement in the profession.
- **Quality Food:** fostering an appreciation for high quality, whole, nourishing food, and its contribution to the quality of life.
- **Sustainability:** supporting food production and distribution systems that are environmentally sound, and promote an equitable and just food supply.

Program Goals

The candidate will:

- develop a thorough knowledge base on core topics in nutrition.
- identify and discriminate among the different methods of inquiry in the field of nutrition.
- develop cognitive skills to analyze and propose solutions to complex issues in the field.
- locate and evaluate professional literature and current findings in the field.
- develop skills to effectively communicate topics and issues in the field of nutrition to lay and professional groups.

Prerequisite Coursework

Introductory coursework in Chemistry (2 courses with laboratory sections), Statistics, Physiology with laboratory, Food or Food Science with laboratory, and Introductory Nutrition. The following prerequisites must be completed before admission into the degree program: Introductory Nutrition, Statistics (within 5 years), and Chemistry I. A grade of C or better is required for successful completion of the prerequisite courses. All undergraduate level prerequisite courses must be successfully completed before taking more than 6 graduate level hours.

The following Meredith College courses can be taken to fulfill prerequisite requirements. Course descriptions are located in the undergraduate catalogue.

BIO 322 Human Anatomy and Physiology (with lab)

CHE 111 Chemistry I (with lab)

CHE 112 Chemistry II (with lab)

FN 124 Principles of Foods, or

FN 330 Experimental Foods

FN 227 Introductory Nutrition

MAT 245 Statistics

Comprehensive Examinations

Students must successfully complete all components of the comprehensive exam to qualify for graduation. The comprehensive exam will be administered in the semester students are registered for FN-627.

Program of Study

The program is a 34-hour Master of Science in Nutrition program focusing on applied human nutrition. The curriculum contains 19 hours of core coursework emphasizing the research process,

advanced study of nutrients and their role in human health and biology, nutrition in the life cycle and the foods system. The remaining credits are derived from elective courses in nutrition, and practicum (FN 670) or thesis hours (FN 680). Each student, whether choosing FN 670 or FN 680, will present his or her work to the professional community. A student who has completed all class work and wishes only to submit the Thesis/Project during a semester must enroll in FN 800.

Required Core Courses

FN 610	RESEARCH METHODS IN FOODS AND NUTRITION	3
FN 611	NUTRITION AND THE LIFECYCLE I	2
FN 612	NUTRITION AND THE LIFECYCLE II	2
FN 620	ADVANCED NUTRIENT METABOLISM I	2
FN 621	ADVANCED NUTRIENT METABOLISM II	2
FN 625	SEMINAR IN NUTRITION (1 CREDIT TAKEN 2X)	2
FN 627	FOOD AND SOCIETY	3
FN 646	REGRESSION ANALYSIS AND OTHER MULTIVARIATE MODELS	3
FN 670	PRACTICUM IN NUTRITION	3
OR FN 680	THESIS IN NUTRITION	6
	Total	22-25

Elective Courses

FN 614	MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, ASSESSMENT AND COUNSELING I	4
FN 615	MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, ASSESSMENT AND COUNSELING II	4
FN 630	NUTRITION EDUCATION AND COUNSELING	3
FN 635	GASTRONOMY	3
FN 636	SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS	3
FN 650	VITAMINS, MINERALS, AND NUTRACEUTICALS	3
FN 655	NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE	3
FN 656	OBESITY AND WEIGHT MANAGEMENT	3
FN 660	FOOD, FILM AND CULTURE	3
FN 675	TOPICS IN FOODS, NUTRITION AND DIETETICS	1-3

Master of Science in Nutrition Course Descriptions

The minimum prerequisites for all graduate level nutrition courses are courses in introductory nutrition, statistics, and general chemistry. Additional prerequisites may be stated in course descriptions below.

FN 610 – RESEARCH METHODS IN FOODS AND NUTRITION

Using the scientific method and elements of critical thinking, students will design and develop a research project to be conducted as part of their thesis or project hours. Appropriate evaluation and analyses will be applied to their proposal. Students will leave the course with a completed research proposal. *Fall. 3 hours*

FN 611 – NUTRITION AND THE LIFECYCLE I

This course examines nutrition across the lifespan from both a biological and psychosocial perspective. The impact of nutrition in pregnancy, lactation, and infancy through adolescence will be studied. Special reference to agencies offering nutrition services. *Spring. 2 hours*

FN 612 – NUTRITION AND THE LIFECYCLE II

This course examines nutrition across the lifespan from both a biological and psychosocial perspective. The impact of nutrition in adulthood and older adults will be studied. Special reference to agencies offering nutrition services. *Fall. 2 hours*

FN 620 – ADVANCED NUTRIENT METABOLISM I

A study of the role of carbohydrates, fiber, and lipids in human nutrition and biology. Mechanisms of absorption, digestion, functions, requirements, and intermediary metabolism in cells with emphasis on integration with other nutrients and systems. Clinical significance, current issues, and critical analysis of the research and professional literature. Prerequisites: CHE 112/142 and BIO 322/342. *Spring. 2 hours*

FN 621 – ADVANCED NUTRIENT METABOLISM II

A study of the role of amino acids, protein, energy metabolism and food regulation in human nutrition and biology. Mechanisms of absorption, digestion, function, requirements, and intermediary metabolism in cells with emphasis on integration with other nutrients and systems. Clinical significance, current issues, and critical analysis of the research and professional literature. Pre- or Co-requisite: FN 620. *Spring. 2 hours*

FN 625 – SEMINAR IN NUTRITION

A presentation-based course, the first part of the semester will be spent conducting a literature review on selected topics in the field. Students will develop oral presentations based on their literature review and will be required to develop and distribute a written abstract and bibliography on their topic. Co-requisite: FN 610. *Fall and spring. 1 hour*

FN 627 – FOOD AND SOCIETY

Designed as a culminating experience in the program, this course is a critical examination of the social, political, economic and environmental influences on the American and global food system. Students will study the dominant and alternative methods for producing and distributing food to people, and the relationship between human health and the food supply. Students will propose solutions to problems involving the food system in a semester project. Prerequisites: FN 610; FN 611; FN 620/621; FN 625 (1hr); FCS 645. *Fall. 3 hours.*

FN 614 – MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, ASSESSMENT AND COUNSELING I

FN 614/615 are to provide a comprehensive study of the nutritional care process for graduate students seeking to obtain foundation knowledge and skills toward Didactic Program in Dietetics verification. Application and integration of biological, physiological, and chemical parameters influencing specific medical conditions will facilitate evaluation of nutritional etiology and support for disease processes. Assessment, development of appropriate evidence-based nutritional interventions, and interviewing/counseling of the individual/group will be incorporated into the courses. Case studies and hands-on experiential learning experiences in anthropometric assessment and interviewing/counseling of the individual/group will be incorporated as the focus of the courses. Functioning as a member of a care-team will be stressed. Prerequisites: CHE 221/241; BIO 322/342; BIO 334/344; FN 611/612 or FN 260; FN 620/621 or FN 340. *Fall. 4 hours.*

FN 615 – MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, ASSESSMENT AND COUNSELING II

FN 614/615 are to provide a culminating comprehensive study of the nutritional care process for graduate students seeking to obtain foundation knowledge and skills toward Didactic Program in Dietetics verification. Application and integration of biological, physiological, and chemical parameters influ-

encing specific medical conditions will facilitate evaluation of nutritional etiology and support for disease processes. Assessment, development of appropriate evidence-based nutritional interventions, and interviewing/counseling of the individual/group will be incorporated into the courses. Case studies and hands-on experiential learning experiences in anthropometric assessment and interviewing/counseling of the individual/group will be incorporated as the focus of the courses. Functioning as a member of a care-team will be stressed. Prerequisites: FN 614. *Spring. 3 hours*

FN 630 – NUTRITION EDUCATION AND COUNSELING

An interactive course with students developing, reviewing and implementing various forms of nutrition education targeted to specific population groups. Students will develop, implement and evaluate nutrition education materials. *Fall, 3 hours*

FN 635 – GASTRONOMY

Study of the various factors that contribute to pleasurable dining will be studied. Sensory evaluation will be conducted. Students will reflect upon their own experiences with food and dining, and using critical and analytical thinking skills they will develop a greater awareness of food. Readings will be discussed in terms of their contribution to the understanding of a food and dining experience. *Fall, 3 hours*

FN 636 – SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

In examination of the relationships among diet, the various systems that produce our food, and the environment. Students will study the various agricultural and production methods and strategies for producing food, their impact on the natural environment, and sustainability. Students will connect personal dietary decisions to the broader social and global issues surrounding food, the environment, and health. *3 hours*

FN 646 – REGRESSION ANALYSIS AND OTHER MULTIVARIATE MODELS

This course begins with linear regression and building models for estimation and prediction in the biological sciences. The same concepts will be examined using multiple regression and residual analysis will be added. Topics also will include analysis of variance and covariance, basic concepts of experimental design, and ethical issues in data analysis and interpretation. Statistical software will be used. *Fall. 3 hours*

FN 650 – VITAMINS, MINERALS, AND NUTRACEUTICALS

A study of the essential vitamins and minerals in humans, mechanisms of absorption, digestion, functions, requirements, metabolism, and current issues. A review of functional foods, phytochemicals, herbs, and other biologically active compounds in foods, and their relevance to the prevention and treatment of disease. Critical analysis of the research and professional literature. Prerequisites: CHE 112/142 or BIO 322/342. *Summer, 3 hours*

FN 655 – NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE

A study of diet and nutrition needs and assessment of athletes and physically active people, and the factors affecting diet and nutritional status in this population. Nutrition facts and fallacies in sport nutrition, efficacy of supplements, engineered foods, and ergogenic aids for the enhancement of physical performance. Prerequisites: CHE 112/142 or BIO 322/342. *Varies, Contact Department Head, 3 hours*

FN 656 – OBESITY AND WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

A comprehensive review of literature in the field of overweight/obesity and its health consequences in child and adult cohorts. Program, policy and position papers of organizations dealing with obesity will be evaluated. Strategies

for weight management including diet, physical activity and behavior will be studied. Current research in treatment, pharmacological and surgical intervention. *Fall, 3 hours*

FN 660 – FOOD, FILM & CULTURE

Guided by social science theories, this course explores the connections between food and culture, as expressed through the media of film and writing, exploring the ways in which the use of food illuminates historical, sociocultural, and environmental influences on food choices of cultural groups. The aim of the course is to find out what food, as depicted in film and writing, tells us about our world, our communities, and ourselves. Field experiences at local markets and foodservice establishments provide hands-on experience with cultural foods. *3 hours*

FN 670 – PRACTICUM IN NUTRITION

A supervised field experience with an organization, agency, business or other entity in the field of foods and nutrition or an applied project. Students will meet with a faculty supervisor to design a suitable field experience and establish measurable objectives and learning outcomes to be achieved at the conclusion of the course. Prerequisites: FN 610; FN 611 or FN 612; FN 620/621; FN 625 (1hr); FN 646; and permission of graduate advisor. *Spring and Summer. 3 hours.*

FN 675 – TOPICS IN FOODS, NUTRITION, AND DIETETICS

Advanced study of a variety of current, new, and/or controversial topics in the field of foods, nutrition, and dietetics. Prerequisite: permission of graduate advisor. *Varies, Contact Department Head, 1-3 hours*

FN 680 – THESIS IN NUTRITION

Research in nutrition and dietetics directed by a graduate committee. Prerequisites: FN 610; FN 611 or FN 612; FN 620/621; FN 625 (1hr); FN 646; and permission of graduate advisor. *Fall, Spring, and Summer, 6 hours (generally completed for 3 credits each in two consecutive semesters.)*

FN 800 – GRADUATE STUDY

Provides enrollment for students extending the thesis beyond FN 680 Thesis/Project and/or taking written comprehensive examinations but not registered for another course. May be repeated as needed. *1 hour.*

Dietetic Internship

Department of Nutrition, Health and Human Performance

Martin Hall

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Internship Mission

In accordance with the Standards of Practice of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND), as well as the mission and purpose of Meredith College and the John E. Weems Graduate School, the philosophy of the internship program at Meredith is to build on the academic preparation of Didactic Programs in Dietetics (DPD). It provides the education in clinical nutrition, public health, and food service management for entry-level dietitians as stated in the Standards of Education published by the ACEND. Interns will gain solid understanding and experience in normal and clinical nutrition, public health nutrition, and food service management. They will apply nutritional principles to all stages of the life cycle, disease prevention, control of disease process, and restoration of health through effective communication and in the context of human relationships. The program, which admits qualified men and women, strives to create a supportive, diverse, and intellectually rigorous environment for dietetic education. Analytical and conceptual skills will be further developed through graduate coursework. Interns will develop the knowledge, skills and values that will prepare them to assume leadership roles and strive for professional competence, productivity, and service to society.

Internship Goals

- The program will produce competent graduates that are ready for entry-level positions in the field of nutrition/dietetics, and/or advanced degree programs in nutrition, dietetics, or allied health fields.
- The program will produce graduates that provide leadership and/or service professionally and to the community.

Accreditation Status

The Meredith College Dietetic Internship program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (www.eat-right.org)

Individualized Supervised Practice Program (ISPP)

Meredith College admits a maximum of seven (7) interns under the ISPP. Visit http://www.meredith.edu/graduate/nutrition/dietetic_internship/ispp.php for more details.

Site Preceptor Pathway

Meredith College admits a maximum of 15 interns underneath this pathway. Visit http://www.meredith.edu/academics/graduate_programs/nutrition/dietetic_internship/preceptor/ for more details.

Certification

The student who successfully completes the Dietetic Internship program will receive a Program Verification Statement signed by the Program Director. This allows the student to sit for the Registration Examination for Dietitians.

Program of Study

Students will take two three-hour graduate level courses: Advanced Clinical Nutrition Seminar (spring) and a course of their choice from the list of graduate level elective courses offered. In addition, students will complete four rotations in clinical nutrition, food service management and community nutrition, and a four-week enrichment rotation of their choice. Students will participate in local field trips and will attend the FNCE national conference or AND public policy workshop.

FN 603 Food Service Management (supervised field experience)

FN 604 Clinical Nutrition (supervised field experience)

FN 605 Community Nutrition (supervised field experience)

FN 606 Enrichment Rotation

Dietetic Internship Course Descriptions

FN 601 – ADVANCED CLINICAL NUTRITION SEMINAR

Advanced study of the relationship between nutrition and selected pathophysiological conditions. Discussion of the role of nutrition in the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of those conditions. Ethical and legislative issues in dietetics will be discussed. *3 hours*

FN 603 – FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT

Supervised field experience. *3 hours*

FN 604 – CLINICAL NUTRITION

Supervised field experience. *3 hours*

FN 605 – COMMUNITY NUTRITION

Supervised field experience. *3 hours*

FN 606 – ENRICHMENT ROTATION

1 hour

Graduate Level Elective

For their second course, Dietetic Internship students will select from the graduate level elective courses offered during the fall semester. For a complete list of elective courses, see the Master of Science in Nutrition program section on page 32.

Master of Science in Nutrition Program

Admission to the MS degree in Nutrition, a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, and the Dietetic Internship programs at Meredith College require separate applications. Acceptance into the MS program does not imply acceptance into the Dietetic Internship program, or vice versa. Students seeking admission into the Dietetic Internship program should follow the application procedures established by the Meredith College Dietetic Internship program. Students successfully completing the Meredith College Dietetic Internship program can transfer six graduate credit hours to the MS in Nutrition program; and those who complete Dietetic Internships elsewhere may be eligible to transfer up to six graduate credits into the Meredith MS in Nutrition program.

An applicant to Meredith's Master of Science in Nutrition program who has successfully (received all As or Bs) completed his or her academic coursework for Meredith's Dietetic Internship, may request in writing that s/he be allowed to substitute this academic work, along with a recommendation from his or her DI director, for the GRE®.

Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

Department of Nutrition, Health and Human Performance

Martin Hall

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Susan Fisher, Ph.D., R.D., *Director, Didactic Program in Dietetics*

Meredith's Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Post Baccalaureate Certificate is designed for individuals with a baccalaureate degree who are interested in completing the course work to either sit for the Dietetic Technician, Registered (DTR) exam or preparing to enter a Dietetic Internship in anticipation of becoming a Registered Dietitian (RD).

Meredith's program offers individualized advising, small classes, and assistance building community service experience in dietetics. In addition, a Verification Statement is provided to all students who successfully complete the DPD prerequisite courses and Meredith required courses with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Preparation for the DICAS application is provided for students working toward acceptance into a Dietetic Internship.

Mission Statement

The Food and Nutrition program is grounded in the basic sciences, providing a strong foundation to pursue graduate and professional studies, and a curriculum that promotes student leadership and encourages service to the profession and community. The program strives to inspire students to use the knowledge and skills they gain to promote optimal nutrition and well-being through the application of nutrition science to individuals and groups across the life span in a diverse and changing environment. The program fosters in students a global and holistic understanding of the interrelationships among human nutrition, wellness, food and its systems.

Goals

- The Meredith College DPD Post-baccalaureate Certificate will prepare students for dietetic internships, health or science related professions, or graduate school.
- The Meredith College Didactic Program in Dietetics will provide learning experiences that foster development of critical thinking and problem solving.

Prerequisite Coursework

The DPD Post-baccalaureate Certificate is designed to be completed in one (1) academic year. The prerequisite courses must be completed before applying for the DPD Post-baccalaureate Certificate. The fol-

lowing Meredith College courses can be taken to fulfill prerequisite requirements. Course descriptions are located in the undergraduate catalogue.

Prerequisite DPD Courses Eligible for Transfer

FN 124/126	Principles of Foods and Lab
FN 227	Introductory Nutrition
FN 250	Perspectives in Nutrition
FN 330/336	Experimental Food Science and Lab
BIO 110/151	Biology I and Lab
BIO 251	Cell Biology
BIO 334/344	Microbiology and Lab
BIO 322/342	Human Anatomy and Physiology and Lab
CHE 111/141	Chemistry I and Lab
CHE 221/241	Organic Chemistry and Lab
FCS 764	Methods of Teaching Food & Consumer Sciences, or
PSY 100	Introductory Psychology
MAT 245	Statistics

Program of Study

The Certificate requires that a minimum of 24-hours of DPD coursework be completed at Meredith College within one (1) academic year.

Required DPD Courses to be Completed at Meredith

FN 260	Nutrition in Diverse Populations*
FN 310/311	Food Service Management Systems I and Lab
FN 320	Food Service Management Systems II
FN 340	Nutritional Biochemistry & Metabolism*
FN 440	Medical Nutrition Assessment, Therapy, & Counseling I*
FN 450	Medical Nutrition Assessment, Therapy & Counseling II*
FN 480	Colloquium in Nutrition

*These courses may be completed at the graduate level by students who are also accepted into the Meredith College Master of Science in Nutrition Program.

DPD Post-baccalaureate Certificate Course Descriptions**FN 260 – NUTRITION IN DIVERSE POPULATIONS**

Principles of human nutrition applied to meet the health and nutrition needs at different stages of the life cycle. Role of culture, ethnicity and religion on food selection, dietary intake, and nutrition and health status. Government and community resources providing food and nutrition assistance will be discussed. Prerequisite: FN-227. Fall. 3 hours

**Students admitted to the Master of Science in Nutrition may substitute FN 611 Lifecycle Nutrition I (Fall. 2 hours) and FN 612 Lifecycle Nutrition II (Spring. 2 hours) and FN-627 Food and Society (Fall. 3 hours)*

FN 310/311 – FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS I and Lab

Introduction to the use of food quality management in food service systems, including the application of quantity food production principles, with an emphasis on quality quantity food production, menu planning, food service equipment use, and facility design. Prerequisite: FN-124. Corequisites: FN-311, FN-312. Fall. 3 hours, Lab 1 hour

FN 320 – FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS II

Applied investigation into the use of management resources in food service systems, fundamental management processes, concepts and principles to improve decision making and problem solving. Consideration of purchasing procedures, storage, methods of cost control, personnel, safety, and nutrition quality in food decisions. Laboratory experiences are required. Prerequisites: FN-124, FN-310, and FN-311. Spring. 4 hours

FN 340 – NUTRITIONAL BIOCHEMISTRY & METABOLISM

A study of the essential macro- and micronutrients, related compounds, and phytochemicals in the diet of humans, their interrelationships, metabolism at the cellular level, and relationship to health. Research methods and study design in nutrition. Prerequisites: FN227, CHE-221, CHE-241, BIO-251. Spring. 4 hours

**Students admitted to the Master of Science in Nutrition may substitute FN 620 Advanced Nutrient Metabolism I (Spring. 2 hours) and FN 621 Advanced Nutrient Metabolism II (Spring. 2 hours)*

FN 440 – MEDICAL NUTRITION ASSESSMENT, Therapy, & COUNSELING I

An integration of the biochemical and physiological processes in development and support of specific medical conditions with emphases on assessment and the process of developing appropriate medical nutritional therapies and appropriate nutritional counseling of individuals and groups. This is the first of a two-course sequence. Prerequisites: CHE-221 CHE-241 FN-227, FN-340 or BIO-436, BIO- 322, BIO-342 or BIO-323, BIO-343. Fall. 4 hours

**Students admitted to the Master of Science in Nutrition may substitute FN 614 Medical Nutrition Therapy, Assessment & Counseling I (Fall. 4 hours)*

FN 450 – MEDICAL NUTRITION ASSESSMENT, Therapy & COUNSELING II

The purpose of this course is to provide a culminating comprehensive study of the medical nutritional care process. Application of biological, physiological, and chemical parameters influencing specific medical conditions will be used in the study of nutritional etiology and support for disease processes. Assessment, development of appropriate scientifically-based medical nutri-

tional therapy, and interviewing and counseling of the individual or group will be incorporated in the focus of the course. Case studies and hands-on learning experiences in anthropometric assessment specific to the medical nutritional intervention will be used for students to demonstrate attainment of competencies related to this course. The various roles of the medical nutritional team, nutritional, medical, pharmacological and nursing disciplines will be considered in light of providing medical nutritional therapy for the individual or group. Prerequisite: FN-440. Spring. 4 hours

**Students admitted to the Master of Science in Nutrition may substitute FN 615 Medical Nutrition Therapy, Assessment & Counseling II (Spring. 4 hours)*

FN 480 – COLLOQUIUM IN NUTRITION

Through selected readings and small group discussions, students will explore and critically analyze major concepts and developments in the field and enhance their awareness of the role of nutritionists in society. Students will complete, present and discuss her work and accomplishments in the major and the field in the form of a digital portfolio at the end of the course. Fall. 1 hour

Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

Department of Biological Sciences

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Mission Statement

The Meredith College Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Certificate program provides students with a rigorous foundation of scientific coursework necessary for acceptance into graduate level study for occupations in healthcare. The program is dedicated to providing students with personalized programs that fulfill pre-requisites as well as prepare students for the application process for graduate study in their chosen field of healthcare.

Goals

Students completing the Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Health Certificate will:

- complete all required coursework for their desired field of healthcare
- be prepared for the application process of graduate study in healthcare
- develop a portfolio of experiences related to the healthcare field

Admission

Applicants for admission must submit all materials under Application Procedure. The admissions process for the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate program is highly selective. Students must demonstrate potential for academic success in a rigorous course of study in the sciences as well as a dedication to the field of healthcare. A minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0/4.0 is expected. Students must also submit a 500 word personal statement related to their desire to pursue a career in healthcare.

The program runs on a cohort of students accepted to begin study in May and complete the program the following May.

Program of Study

The curriculum for the Pre-Health Careers Post-Baccalaureate Certificate consists of two distinct tracks. The first is a pre-health

careers preparation track designed for students who have a baccalaureate degree but do not have the prerequisite coursework for admission to medical school or other healthcare educational programs. The second track is an enhancement track. This is designed for the student who has unsuccessfully applied to medical school and needs academic enhancement for his or her application. Both tracks begin in the summer semester.

Preparation Track

This program is designed for students who have a bachelor's degree in a non-science area and need to obtain the prerequisite science coursework for application to a health program. The preparation track is flexible to allow for variations in requirements of health care-related programs.

Core of Required Courses

- General biology with lab
- Cell biology
- Medical terminology
- Clinical experience. Student is required to complete a minimum of 100 hours of clinical shadowing and/or volunteer experience.
- Elective course choices. Students choose a minimum of 24 hours to match necessary prerequisites for healthcare program if interest. Meredith faculty work with students to help them select courses they need to gain admittance into the program of their choice.

Enhancement Track

This program is designed for students who have unsuccessfully applied to medical school and are looking for an opportunity to enhance their academic credentials.

Core of Required Courses

- Medical terminology
- Clinical experience. Student is required to complete a minimum of 100 hours of clinical shadowing and/or volunteer experience
- Elective course choices. Students choose a minimum of 21 hours to match necessary prerequisites for healthcare program of interest. Meredith faculty work with students to help them select courses they need to gain admittance into the program of their choice.

Paralegal Program

Paralegal Program

School of Business

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Mission Statement

To develop in students the knowledge, skills and ethical understandings needed to begin a paralegal career and to perform competently and ethically in their chosen area of specialization; to assist them in obtaining positions in which they have opportunities to utilize their training; to provide them with a foundation of knowledge and skills in their legal research, writing, and analytical thinking that can serve as the basis for further career development, law school or graduate school; to serve program graduates and the local legal community with continuing paralegal education courses; and to promote public awareness of the role of paralegals in the efficient delivery of quality legal services.

Student Learning Outcomes

Outcome 1: Students will develop critical thinking skills to perform paralegal tasks.

Outcome 2: Students will develop organizational skills that allow them to sort through and manage information

Outcome 3: Students will develop written and oral communication skills to communicate well with employers, peers, clients, and other entities in the legal community

Outcome 4: Students will develop a knowledge of legal ethics and develop their own statement of principles to guide their career

Outcome 5: Students will develop the skills to obtain employment and to work effectively and positively beginning on the first day of a new job

Program Outcomes

Outcome 6: The Paralegal Program curriculum will stay current in its curriculum offerings and develop in its graduates the necessary paralegal skills to meet the needs of the legal community.

Outcome 7: The Paralegal Program will increase awareness in the general public and enhance paralegal utilization in the legal community

Unauthorized Practice of Law

In North Carolina, a paralegal cannot independently give legal advice to clients, represent clients in court, accept a case or set a

fee. The American Bar Association has defined a paralegal as “a person, qualified by education, training or work experience, who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, corporation, governmental agency or other entity and who perform specifically delegated substantive legal work for which a lawyer is responsible.”

Culminating Experiences

Students will complete a professional portfolio. Working paralegals will meet with each student prior to graduation to review each portfolio and conduct exit interviews.

Outstanding Student Award

The Outstanding Student Award was created for the faculty to recognize one student each year who exemplifies the following qualities:

- Mastery of the class materials
- Sensibility regarding ethical issues
- Attention to detail
- Professional attitude
- Problem-solving ability

This award is given at graduation and has no cash value. A plaque outside of the Paralegal Program Office lists the annual winners of this award from 2005 to the present.

Paralegal Program Course Descriptions

LEG 010 – LEGAL SURVEY

45 classroom hours

Learning Outcomes: Students will gain an overview of the legal system and the major substantive areas of the law. Students will become familiar with basic legal concepts and will be able to understand and use legal terminology. Students will be able to identify and explain the function of various legal documents and procedures. Topics include: The federal and state judicial systems; civil procedure; torts; contracts; real property; wills, trusts and estate administration; domestic law; criminal law; corporations, agency and partnership.

LEG 011 – LEGAL RESEARCH

45 classroom hours

Learning Outcomes: Students will learn how to use the law library and Westlaw or Lexis to find legal authority that is on point. Students will learn the basic principles of legal analysis and writing, and will be able to brief a case and research and write an office memorandum of law. Students will be able to cite authorities correctly and to update and validate citations using Shepard's

citations. Topics include: Federal and state statutes, cases, and administrative regulations; reading and understanding caselaw and statutes; use of encyclopedias, annotations, legal periodicals, and other secondary authority; use of digests, indexes, and other finding aids; citation form; cite-checking and validation of authority; use of Shepard's citations; research methods; legal resources available on the Internet. Pre-requisite/co-requisite: Legal Survey.

LEG 012 – LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT

45 classroom hours

Learning Outcomes: Students will gain an understanding of the role of the paralegal in the law office. Students will gain a thorough knowledge of the N.C. Rules of Professional Conduct and their applicability to attorneys and paralegals. Students will be able to identify ethical issues a paralegal may encounter and determine the appropriate response. Students will become familiar with a variety of law office procedures and management techniques. Topics include: Definition, role and responsibilities of the paralegal; confidentiality; conflicts of interest; unauthorized practice of law; professional negligence; developing forms and systems; time keeping and billing; tickler systems; communications skills. Pre-requisite: Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook. If you are not proficient in these programs, you should take computer classes at a local college or community college. Pre-requisite/co-requisite: Legal Survey, Legal Research.

LEG 013 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

15 classroom hours

Learning Outcomes: Students will create a resume and cover letter and professional portfolio. Students will be able to identify several different types of legal employers and environments. Students will become familiar with employer expectations. Students will enhance their writing and oral communication skills. Topics include: Resume and cover letter writing, creating a professional portfolio, interviewing, the job search, employer expectations. Students will complete "Core Grammar for Lawyers" an interactive grammar program. Students will obtain the "Competent Communicator" Certificate from Toastmaster International. Students will meet with an e-mentor prior to the end of the program for a portfolio review and exit interview. Pre-requisite: Acceptance into the program

LEG 020 – CIVIL LITIGATION SPECIALTY

161 classroom hours

Learning Outcomes: Students will gain a working knowledge of the NC and federal court systems, the stages of civil litigation and the rules of civil procedure. Students will learn how to gather information and evidence in a civil lawsuit. Students will gain a thorough understanding of the discovery process and will be able prepare appropriate discovery devices and respond to discovery requests.

Students will be able to draft complaints, answers and motions and will be able to file and obtain service of court documents. Students will be able to prepare a trial notebook and a settlement brochure. Topics include: Stages of a civil action; organization of N.C. and Federal court systems; personal and subject matter jurisdiction; rules of procedure; basic principles of tort and contract; role of the paralegal in litigation; confidentiality and conflicts of interest. Investigation of facts; evidence; interviewing of clients and witnesses; ethical considerations in interviewing; preparation of diagrams and maps; location and review of public records; obtaining and reviewing medical records; expert witnesses. Commencement of action; parties and capacity; requirements and drafting of complaint, answer, counterclaim, reply; affirmative defenses; joinder of claims and parties; process and service of process; motions addressed to the pleadings; case intake and management; docket control.

Purpose and scope of discovery under N.C. and Federal rules; preparing for and digesting depositions; drafting and responding to interrogatories; requests for production of documents; sanctions and protective orders. Preparation for trial; pretrial conference and order; preparation of settlement brochure and trial notebook; assisting at trial. Judgments and mechanisms for enforcement of judgments; appeals; notice of appeal and route of appeal. Electives: Within this specialty, students will enroll in five 4-week courses in substantive areas of the law. Students will receive one grade for the specialty course which will include the grades they have received in the short courses. Pre-requisite: Legal Survey, Legal Research, Law Office Management, Professional Development (semester 1)

LEG 021 – REAL ESTATE SPECIALTY

161 classroom hours

Learning Outcomes: Students will gain a thorough understanding of legal concepts and terminology pertaining to real property law, title examination, title insurance and transfer of interests in real property. Students will learn the techniques of title examination and will gain experience in conducting complete title searches. Students will become familiar with the procedures and documents used in a real estate closing. Students will gain a thorough understanding of the legal and ethical responsibilities of attorneys and paralegals in title examination and real estate transactions. Topics include: Principles of real property: estates in land, future interests, concurrent ownership, easements, fixtures; leases; recordation and priorities; title and title insurance. Types of deeds; legal descriptions, plats, and surveys; transfers by deed, will or inheritance; administration of estates; transfers by judicial sale, adverse possession, and operation of law. Purpose and methods of title examination; running a chain of title; abstracting deeds; estates; adverse conveyances; objections to title: restrictive covenants and zoning; city and county taxes;

special assessments; U.C.C. filings; judgments, liens, lis pendens, and special proceedings. Preparation of exceptions sheet and report on title; organization of base title file. Contracts of sale; preparation for closing; closing checklists; preparation of notes, deeds, deeds of trust; closing statements; tax proration. Electives: Within this specialty, students will enroll in five 4-week courses in substantive areas of the law. Students will receive one grade for the specialty course which will include the grades they have received in the short courses. Pre-requisite: Legal Survey, Legal Research, Law Office Management, Professional Development (semester 1)

LEG 023 –BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

161 classroom hours

Learning Outcomes: Students will gain a thorough understanding of the laws pertaining to the structure, formation and operation of corporations and partnerships. Students will be able to prepare and file articles of incorporation and to prepare bylaws, minutes, notices and other documents for corporate meetings. Students will learn to maintain corporate minute books and shareholder records. Students will be able to prepare documents relating to mergers, acquisitions and dissolutions. Students will become familiar with the basic principles of contract, employment and business regulatory law and will learn to draft contracts and other documents relating to corporate financing and other corporate transactions. Topics include: types of business organizations; sole proprietorships, partnerships, 15 corporations; considerations in selecting form of organization; non-profit and professional corporations. Organizing the corporation; subscription agreements; articles of incorporation; bylaws; filing and formalities; shareholder agreements; foreign corporations; qualification in other jurisdictions. Financial structure of corporations; equity and debt securities; classes of stock; capital; dividends and distributions to shareholders; repurchase of shares; federal and state securities laws; registration requirements and exemptions. Corporate meetings: organizational meeting; directors' regular and special meetings; annual meeting of shareholders; shareholder rights and duties; voting; minutes; action without meeting.

Regulatory statutes and compliance: consumer protection; environmental protection; antitrust; employment laws. Agency; employment agreements; restrictive covenants and covenants not to compete; trade secret protection. Secured transactions; notes, security agreements and financing statements. Changes in corporate structure and dissolution; amendment of articles of incorporation; merger and consolidation; sale of assets; liquidation and dissolution; rights of dissenting shareholders. Litigation involving corporations. Electives: Within this specialty, students will enroll in five 4-week courses in substantive areas of the law. Students will receive one grade for the specialty course which will include the grades they have received in

the short courses. Pre-requisite: Legal Survey, Legal Research, Law Office Management, Professional Development (semester 1)

LEG 033 –INTERNSHIP (OPTIONAL)

161 classroom hours

The internship is not required. The purpose of the internship is to give the student exposure to a law office environment and the opportunity to observe and practice the skills learned in the classroom. Students are placed with local law firms and government offices and work under the supervision of an attorney or paralegal. Placements are arranged and monitored by the program director. Internships are structured as an 80-hour class during the second half of spring semester. Students arrange their own work schedule with the employer, generally working two mornings or afternoons per week. In general internships are unpaid. Students keep a journal of their activities and are evaluated by the employer at the conclusion of the internship. Please note that placement is not guaranteed. The internship is not available to a student who has received a C in any class except by special permission of the instructor. Pass/fail credit is awarded upon completion of the internship.

PRO BONO CLINIC

Meredith College's Paralegal Program, in conjunction with Legal Aid through their Lawyer on the Line (LOTL) program, has created a pro bono clinic for students to help a pre-screened client in one of the following areas of law-private landlord/tenant, public and subsidized housing, Medicaid, disability and non-disability issues in Social Security matters, consumer collections, employee rights, custody, guardianship and simple estates. Paralegal students will work with a supervising attorney to talk with clients through telephone interviews; from that interview, information will be provided to the supervising attorney who will work with the students to provide advice or discrete services to pre-screened Legal aid clients.

Graduate School Faculty and Staff Directory

Dates in parentheses indicate the year in which the individual joined Meredith

Administration

JO ALLEN, Ph.D. (2011)
President of the College

MATTHEW POSLUSNY, Ph.D. (2013)
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LENNIE BARTON, Ed.D. (2010)
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JANE E. BARNES, J.D., Ph.D. (2003)
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JEFF LANGENDERFER, Ph.D. (2006)
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PAGE MIDYETTE, M.B.A. (2002)
Director, MBA Program

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MBA Recruiter

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Student Handbook

Graduate Student Activities and Services

As a graduate student, you are a vital member of the Meredith College community. We hope you will take advantage of the wide range of activities and services designed to complement your academic program and help you get the most out of your Meredith experience. Some are activities that can broaden your cultural and social horizons; others are services available to help you balance your busy life, enhance your health, and optimize your educational experience. Use the Fitness Center, attend a concert or lecture, scan the bulletin boards in the Cate Center, log on to the Meredith College web site, or just spend time with your classmates or family on the beautiful Meredith campus—and let us know if there is anything else we can do to help ensure that your graduate school experience is everything you want it to be.

In alphabetical order:

Academic and Career Planning

(919) 760-8341. Open weekdays, 8 a.m. –5 p.m.;
Evenings by appointment.

Staff in Academic and Career Planning can provide students with career counseling and coaching, resume consultation, interview preparation, cooperative education and resource information. The office and adjoining Career Resource Room are located on the second floor of the Park Center, adjacent to the Cate Center. A graduate student orientation is held at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.

Students in the Paralegal Program will work with the Program Director for academic and career planning.

Amphitheater and Lake

The Elva Bryan McIver Amphitheater and lake provide a lovely setting and one of Meredith's well-known landmarks. Many Meredith students find the lake area perfect for study, quiet conversation, relaxation or contemplation. Social events, such as picnics, are often held there, as are more official gatherings, such as spring graduation exercises. For security reasons, use of the lake at night is prohibited. Swimming in the lake is also prohibited at all times.

ATM Machines

A Wachovia automated teller machine is located in the lobby of the first floor of the Cate Center. The machine provides most services available at most ATMs, with the exception of deposits. There is no fee to Wachovia customers; a small fee will apply to customers of other banks who use the Plus or Relay network to access their accounts. The lobby of Cate Center is open from 6 a.m. until midnight.

Blackboard

(Web-based academic program supplements)

Blackboard is a software tool, accessed via a Web browser, that allows faculty members to supplement their classroom activities by providing a central location for course documents, class policies, assignments, grades and recommended web links.

Each new graduate student receives his or her own Blackboard account, with a login and initial password supplied by Technology Services, to access for any course they are taking. Check with the faculty member to find out if Blackboard will be used for a particular class. Contact Technology Services for additional information about Blackboard.

Bulletin Boards and Publicity

Bulletin boards located in the Cate Center are an important avenue of communication for graduate students. Campus offices and organizations regularly post information about programs, projects and meeting times on these boards. Each group that uses a bulletin board is responsible for posting its own announcements, and each publicity item should be stamped and approved by the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development. To provide adequate space for each group, all announcements should be put up no earlier than one week prior to an event, and must be removed immediately following the event. Individuals may use the bulletin boards on the second floor of the Cate Center to post information, as long as they have the item stamped for approval. Unapproved announcements will be removed.

To post announcements in the Cate Center for non-Meredith College events, approval must be secured from the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development prior to posting. Unapproved announcements will be removed. All announcements/fliers must identify the sponsoring organization and/or a contact person. Meredith College reserves the right to deny permission to post publicity from any group that is not in accord with the philosophy of the College.

Students, faculty and staff from the Meredith College community may submit e-news articles using the e-news submission form on Meredith's web site. Articles are posted as expeditiously as possible on a first-come, first-served basis and are posted at the discretion of the webmaster.

The weekly campus newspaper, the *Meredith Herald*, is published 13 times each fall and spring semester. Letters to the editor and article submissions are encouraged from all students. The deadline for submissions is 12 p.m. every Friday. Submissions can be placed in the Herald's box located outside the Publications Office on the second floor of the Cate Center, or submitted via email to herald@meredith.edu.

Campus Chapel

(919) 760-8346. Open weekdays, 8 a.m. –5 p.m.

The campus chapel staff provides guidance for the development of religious programs on the campus as well as a pastoral presence for the campus community.

The ministerial staff serves as advisors to the Meredith Christian Association and in addition offers lectures, programs, small group experiences and counseling opportunities for the campus at large. The chaplain and staff are available to the College community for counseling pertaining to religious questions, religious vocations, and personal problems.

Also, students seeking help in finding a place of worship in the Raleigh community may contact the chapel staff for help. Regardless of one's faith heritage, the chaplain is available to provide help to students as they seek a faith community with which to affiliate. Students may call the office or stop by to talk about local congregations and how to arrange transportation.

Students are invited to visit with the staff and make use of the Jones Chapel Meditation Room and Reading Room, as well as to participate in the community worship services each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Jones Chapel. Students are encouraged to come by the office to tour the chapel and to inquire about programs being offered.

Campus Cultural and Athletic Programs

For information on campus events, call (919) 760-8533.

To reach the Meredith Performs Box Office, call (919) 760-2840. www.meredith.edu/calendar

Campus-sponsored cultural and athletic programs are generally free of charge to all Meredith students, and can add another dimension to the graduate student experience.

- Convocations for the entire Meredith community are held throughout the year, often on Mondays. Convocations provide a forum to explore spiritual, intellectual, cultural and social ideas through speakers or performances from a variety of fields.
- Symposia are offered occasionally to explore in-depth ideas and issues of concern to the College community.
- Meredith athletic teams compete in the USA South Athletic Conference. Meredith fields undergraduate women's teams in basketball, soccer, softball, cross country, tennis and volleyball.
- The Meredith Performs Series features student theater, music and dance productions, as well as other outstanding artists, lecturers and performers. Other arts opportunities on campus include: music recitals by Meredith students, faculty and guests; art exhibits in Johnson Hall, Gaddy-Hamrick Art Center (www.meredith.edu/artgallery) and other campus locations that feature the work of student art majors and other artists; and lectures by regionally and nationally acclaimed proponents of the arts.

Campus Dining

Belk Dining Hall (919) 760-8377 is located near the center of campus and offers a variety of dining options, including a salad bar, sandwich bar, American entrees, ethnically inspired foods and vegetarian selections. Dining Hall menus can be found online or by calling the campus menu line. Belk Dining Hall is closed during breaks and summer hours may vary.

Belk Dining Hall is open for:

Breakfast	7:30-9:30 a.m.	Monday to Friday
Continental Breakfast	9:30-10:45 a.m.	Monday to Friday
	8:30-10 a.m.	Saturday and Sunday
Lunch	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Monday to Friday
	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Saturday and Sunday
Late Lunch	2-4:30 p.m.	Monday to Friday
Dinner	5-7 p.m.	Monday to Friday
	5-6:30 p.m.	Saturday and Sunday

The BeeHive Café (919-760-8328) is located on the second floor of the Cate Center. Menu selections include burgers, pizza and deli sandwiches. In addition, you can enjoy hot soups, salads, snacks and beverages. The BeeHive Café information board posts daily specials. The Café is generally open when classes are in session, closed on Saturdays and Sundays and operates on a reduced schedule during breaks and summer months.

The BeeHive Café is open:

7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday to Thursday

7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Campus catering services are available for on-campus events. From light refreshment breaks for student organization meetings to formal luncheons and dinners, the catering service's goal is to ensure the success of every event. In addition, the service's on-campus bakery can create decorated cakes for any occasion. For most orders, a minimum of 48 hours notice is required.

If you plan to use the dining services on a regular basis, contact Dining Services to ask about the Commuter Meal Plan.

Campus ID Cards/CamCards

Campus Police (919) 760-8888

All Meredith students are required to have and carry a Meredith picture identification card called the CamCard. This includes all graduate students, including degree-seeking, licensure-only, post-baccalaureate study (non-degree), visiting students and Dietetic Interns. CamCards are required to check out library materials and for general identification purposes around the campus. Identification cards are made free of charge in the Security Office.

Any student who has a CamCard may open a Secure Spending

Account by making a deposit to this account. Once funds are deposited in the Secure Spending Account, students can use the CamCard to make purchases that will be deducted from this account in the Meredith Supply Store, certain campus vending operations, campus photocopy machines and for individual meal purchases in the Belk Dining Hall and the BeeHive Café. Deposits may be made in person at the Accounting Office, online at meredith.managemyid.com, or by mail. Cash withdrawals are not allowed. For more information on depositing and using money in a Secure Spending Account, please contact the Accounting Office (919-760-8363).

Lost or stolen CamCards should be reported immediately to the Security Office. There is a \$5 charge to replace lost or stolen IDs.

Cate Student Center

Open 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Monday to Thursday, closes at 5 p.m. on Friday

The Cate Student Center is the center of non-academic student life for graduate students. The Center offers convenient access to computers, an ATM machine, a post office, a wide-screen television, telephones and a study and lounge area. Bulletin boards feature programs and information of interest to graduate students. The Cate Center is also home to the Meredith Supply Store and the BeeHive Café.

Commuter Services

*The Office of Commuter Life and Diversity Programs
(919) 760-8523. Open weekdays, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.*

Commuters may work, have a family or travel a long way from home to attend classes at Meredith. The Graduate School recognizes and values the commitment made by commuters, and offers a range of programs and services to make commuting life a bit easier.

Counseling Center

(919) 760-8427. Open weekdays, 8 a.m. –5 p.m.; and by appointment.

The Counseling Center offers free, confidential individual and group counseling with degreed and licensed counselors to students with social, emotional or academic concerns. Services for acute psychological crisis are provided by local hospitals. The Counseling Center also coordinates and arranges for accommodations needed for students with disabilities. The Center is located on the first floor of Carroll Hall next to the Health Center.

Disability Services

(919) 760-8427. Open weekdays, 8 a.m. –5 p.m., and by appointment.

Meredith College's goal is to create an accessible community where

people are judged on their abilities, not their disabilities. The Coordinator of Disability Services strives to provide individuals with the tools by which they can better accomplish their educational goals. The Coordinator provides, arranges and coordinates accommodations for students in courses, programs, services, activities and facilities. The Coordinator maintains disability-related documents, certifies eligibility for services, determines reasonable accommodations and develops plans to provide these accommodations for students with disabilities.

Because not every student with a disability needs an accommodation, and because two individuals with same disability may not need the same accommodations, in post-secondary settings it is the student's responsibility to request accommodations, if desired.

Email

New graduate students will be assigned a Meredith email address once enrolled in class(es). Technology Services will send these students information about their email address and initial password. Checking Meredith email accounts regularly is essential to keep up-to-date with announcements, invitations, messages from professors and administrators and other pertinent information related to graduate studies at Meredith College. Students have the option to access their Meredith email directly or arrange to forward Meredith email to another account.

Students are responsible for all information conveyed via their Meredith email accounts.

Contact Technology Services for additional information about email.

Fitness Center

The Margaret Weatherspoon Parker Fitness Center, available only to Meredith students, faculty and staff, is located in the Weatherspoon Building. The Fitness Center offers a full range of weight machines, free weights and cardiovascular equipment, as well as an indoor swimming pool and lighted tennis courts. Students, faculty and staff who wish to use the facility must complete an orientation session, which will introduce them to the equipment, rules and regulations. Refer to the pool and fitness hours on the college web site for the schedule of available hours.

Honor Societies

Honor societies are open to graduate students. For more information about membership requirements contact your program director.

Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) is the international honor society for students enrolled in business programs at AACSB accredited institutions. There are nearly 500 chapters in the 19 countries worldwide. To be selected for membership, MBA students must be in the top 20% of the graduating master's class.

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) was established to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching. Today Kappa Delta Pi is the only international education honor society that represents all facets of the education profession for undergraduates, graduate/doctoral students, K–12 teachers, administrators, university faculty, and retirees. There are 582 chapters in North American colleges and universities, active professional/alumni chapters in 12 states, and a total active membership of more than 45,000. Dr. Jennifer Olson, in the Department of Education, serves as the chapter counselor. Undergraduate and graduate members are initiated once a year in the spring. To be eligible as a graduate student you must have a GPA of 3.75 and have completed six credit hours of your graduate program. There is a membership fee of \$50 which supports both your national and local chapter dues.

Kappa Omicron Nu is a national honor society for students in the Human Environmental Sciences or Nutrition, Health and Human Performance Departments at Meredith College. To be eligible for membership graduate students must show evidence of superior personal qualities and leadership potential, be in the top 25% of the graduating master's class, have a minimum GPA of 3.5, and have completed six credit hours of the graduate program.

International Student Advisor

Brooke Shurer (919) 760-8429

The International Student Advisor provides various services for non-immigrant students regarding visa regulations.

Learning Center

Meredith College's Learning Center is staffed by Meredith students who have been trained to support other students with one-on-one tutoring in writing, grammar, foreign languages, mathematics and some science courses. Tutors will answer your questions about word processing, library research and speech writing and delivery. You will find reference books, handouts and self-help exercises in writing, grammar and mathematics in the Center. You will also find guidance for state licensure exam review. To make an appointment, visit www.meredith.edu/learn/ and click on "Appointments". The Learning Center is located in 122 Jones Hall.

Library Services

The Carlyle Campbell library is the academic heart of the College and a center for intellectual exchange. Library staff are eager to help students, faculty, and staff examine research topics and make the best possible use of available resources. In support of research the Library's holdings include more than 300,000 volumes, 8,000 DVDs and videos, and 9,000 musical scores. Also available are online, full-text versions of articles from thousands of academic periodicals. Databases and indexes are accessible anywhere with a Meredith ID.

The Library also maintains the College Archives, material related to the history and people of the College.

To enhance the exchange of ideas and the pursuit of research endeavours, the Library provides both individual and group study areas. Computer workstations with networked printing are available. Also available in the Library are video viewing stations and music listening stations.

The Reference Department assists the Meredith community with research. Librarians staff the main floor Information Desk during most Library hours and offer group instruction for classes in all disciplines. Reference Librarians will help locate material wherever it is—Meredith or worldwide. They can arrange borrowing privileges with the libraries of St. Augustine's University, North Carolina State University, William Peace University and Shaw University.

The Library's Media Services Department provides media and instructional equipment, training and support. Laptops, data projectors, sound systems and cameras may be requested for use on campus. Media Services staff support video production and presentations for the College. Media Services also manages Meredith Cable Television.

Library Policies

A valid Meredith CamCard must be presented to check out materials, including reserve items. The CamCard is your library card. Materials may be renewed in the library or by phone or online in the library catalog. Most library materials are loaned to students for a three-week period and may be renewed twice provided they have not been requested by someone else.

The following materials may not be taken from the library building: reference books, periodicals, 16mm films, records and CDs. Most videos and DVDs also remain in the library, although we have a small collection of popular movies and TV shows on video and DVD that may be checked out. Exceptions are made for students doing class presentations and for student teachers. Inquiries should be made with the Circulation staff.

Reserve materials may be checked out from the circulation desk. Faculty specifies one of the following types of reserve for each item:

- **Strict**—Three hours in-library use only (check-out limit: four items)
- **Overnight**—checked out overnight and due 1 1/2 hours after the library opens the next day (check-out limit: two items)
- **Three-day**—to be returned within a three-day period (check-out limit: two items)

Reserve materials are checked out on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be placed on hold.

Note: Videos on reserve always have a "strict" circulation period.

Students are responsible for the payment of fines for overdue items, including reserve and interlibrary loan materials, and for replace-

ment costs of lost items. The fine is ten cents per day for most items, fifty cents per hour for reserve materials and interlibrary loan materials, \$10 per day for laptop computers, and \$1 per day for circulating videos and DVDs. Borrowing privileges are suspended for any student with total fines exceeding \$3 and are reinstated when fines are paid. At the end of each semester, students with overdue materials or excessive fines are reported to the accounting office.

Laptops for Loan

The college has a small pool of laptops that students, faculty, and staff may borrow for up to four days. Laptops are loaned through the Media Services department in the library. Students may reserve laptops up to three weeks in advance. Users must provide their own CDs or flash drives for saving data, as these laptops will not allow users to save data on the hard drive. For more information about the laptop lending program, contact Media Services.

Prompt return of this equipment is expected. Borrowers will be charged \$10 per day for equipment returned late. Taking receipt of the equipment and accessories constitutes acceptance of full legal and financial responsibility for damage to or loss of those items while they are in the possession of the Borrower or in the possession of the borrower's designee. (Normal wear does not constitute "damage.")

Lost and Found

Lost and found articles are collected in the Campus Police Department (919-760-8888). Proper ID is required to recover found property.

Meredith Supply Store (Book Store)

(919) 760-8545. Open 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday-Friday
www.meredith.bkstr.com

The Meredith Supply Store, located in the Cate Center, stocks all the necessary textbooks and supplies for graduate academic courses. In addition, the store carries general reference books, CDs, clothing and gifts. The Supply Store also allows students to cash checks up to \$50.

Post Office

Services available weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., while classes are in session.

The campus mail room is located on the first floor of the Cate Center. Although the mail room is not an official U.S. Post Office, stamps are available for purchase and packages that do not require special handling are accepted. Outgoing mail pickup is 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Technology Services

Help Desk (919) 760-2323

Computer services available through the Office of Technology Services include:

The Help Desk, providing one-stop service for answers to students' questions about technology issues: everything from location and hours of computer labs, to applying for e-mail accounts, to software troubleshooting. To reach the Help Desk, dial 2323 from on-campus or 919-760-2323 from off-campus.

Campus network, providing e-mail accounts for students, faculty and staff; Internet access; ALIS access (Carlyle Campbell Library Computer System); and access to Meredith's Web pages. All new graduate students will be assigned a Meredith email address once enrolled in class(es). Technology Services will send these students information via US postal service about their email address and initial password.

Campus web site, including information on academic courses, student organizations, Blackboard online courseware and campus e-news. Technology Services supplies new students with a login and initial password for Blackboard, a Web-based software tool that supports many aspects of the Graduate School's curriculum.

Computers, including a scanner, for graduate students' use on the second floor of the Cate Center. (Other computer labs, open to all Meredith students, are located at Harris, Ledford, and Carlyle Campbell Library.)

See Email and Blackboard for more information on Technology Services.

Campus policies on appropriate use of technology resources are available from the Office of Technology Services. Policies also are posted on the Internet.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Office of Student Leadership and Service provides service opportunities for all members of the Meredith College community. Students may volunteer to work with a community service agency, serve as tutors with Meredith's Literacy Initiative, participate in an annual service event or create their own service projects for the campus or the community.

The Office of Student Leadership and Service hosts an annual Volunteer Fair each fall, with representatives from community service agencies, health care facilities, museums and schools. This campus event enables the Meredith community to learn about community service needs and opportunities.

Meredith's Volunteer Services Coordinator serves as Director of the Meredith READS Literacy Program. In partnership with MotheRead, Inc., a nationally-acclaimed literacy organization, Volunteer Services

recruits, trains and supports Literacy Program story-sharing volunteers.

For more information on opportunities offered through The Office of Student Leadership and Service, contact the Coordinator of Volunteer Services at (919) 760-8357 or leadershipandservice@meredith.edu.

Campus Policies and Procedures

Parking Policy

Graduate students are considered “commuter students,” and are required to have a parking decal in order to park on campus. This decal can be purchased for the academic year (August through July) from Campus Security.

The parking decal application and vehicle registration form is available online: <http://www.meredith.edu/campus-police/vehicle-registration.php>

Parking Regulations

Parking regulations are enforced 7 days per week, 24 hours per day. The following actions are prohibited:

- Parking on the front lawn.
- Double parking.
- Parking on lawns, grass, landscaped areas, sidewalks or other areas not set aside for parking.
- Parking in such a manner as to block traffic, parked vehicles or roadways.
- Parking in fire lanes, loading areas, emergency areas marked as NO PARKING ZONES, including areas marked with diagonal yellow lines.
- Parking in an area designated for registration decals other than the one displayed (for example, students in faculty spaces).
- Parking in visitors’ area with a Meredith decal.
- Parking an unregistered vehicle anywhere on the Meredith campus.
- Parking in a space reserved for residence directors.
- Fifteen-minute parking spaces may be used for loading and unloading only.

Students driving any vehicle on campus other than their registered vehicle must obtain a temporary pass at the Campus Security office

Parking fines are assessed for parking in handicapped or fire lanes, auto-boot, and towing. Unregistered cars will be auto-booted and will not be released until all fines are paid. (An auto-boot is a device that clamps to the wheel of a car. Attempts to move a car with an auto-boot will result in serious damage to the car). No warning tickets are given.

Meredith College does not assume responsibility for any vehicle parked on campus.

Inclement Weather

Meredith’s Inclement Weather Line: (919) 760-2384

Off-Campus Line: (919) 832-8878

In case of class cancellations resulting from inclement weather, Meredith College will run public announcements on local radio and television stations. Information about daytime and evening class cancellations is available on www.meredith.edu/enews, by calling Meredith’s Inclement Weather Line or checking with WRAL.

In the event that the College does not cancel classes, individual faculty members still have the option of canceling a class. All faculty members must include an inclement weather policy on their syllabi, as well as instructions to students regarding how to obtain information on any class cancellations.

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Meredith College believes it essential for the well-being of all students, faculty and staff to maintain an environment free of alcohol and illegal drugs. In view of this belief, the Board of Trustees has articulated the policies below with regard to graduate students. Graduate students in violation of these policies may also be subject to penalties under North Carolina law.

Alcohol:

Meredith College strongly discourages the use of alcoholic beverages. Graduate students shall not possess or consume alcoholic beverages on campus. A graduate student may not attend class while under the influence of alcohol. Any amount of alcohol on campus shall be considered “possession” and shall result in disciplinary action. Meredith students are expected to represent the College with dignity at all times. Inappropriate or illegal behavior on or off campus related to alcohol use may result in disciplinary action.

Other Drugs:

Meredith College will not tolerate any student activity associated with illegal drugs on or off campus. Students shall not manufacture, possess, sell, use or deliver any controlled substances, counterfeit controlled substances or drug paraphernalia, as each is defined by the North Carolina General Statutes. Possession of drug paraphernalia that tests positive for any illegal substance will constitute possession of that substance. Any student suspected of a violation will be subject to a hearing before the Honor Council of Meredith College. If found responsible for a violation of this policy, the student may be suspended or expelled in accordance with the drug policy as outlined by the Board of Trustees.

Drivers deemed to be impaired will not be allowed by campus police to operate vehicles on campus. The threshold for impairment is very low (any alcohol or controlled substances previously consumed remaining in the body.)

Harassment and Non-Discrimination

Meredith College is committed to providing a work and study environment that is safe, fair and free from discrimination and harassment for all members of its campus community.

Graduate students can view the Harassment and Non-Discrimination Policy and Complaint Procedures on the Human Resources website, <http://www.meredith.edu/humres/harrassment.htm>.

Request to Return to Campus after Psychiatric Evaluation or Hospitalization

Any student who harms or threatens to harm him/herself or another will be referred immediately to an off campus mental health facility for assessment. Prior to returning to campus, the student is required to be assessed off campus by a mental health professional and deemed safe to return to campus. It is the student's responsibility to facilitate communication between the off campus mental health professional(s) and the college counseling center. The student will need to sign a release of information authorization form requesting the off campus provider share information with the Meredith College Counseling Center.

The student is required to meet with a Meredith College counselor in the counseling center during normal hours of operation. The counselor will utilize the outside mental health assessment coupled with an in-person session to provide a recommendation to the vice president for college programs. The vice president will make a decision regarding the student's return to Meredith's academically rigorous campus. The College reserves the right to request an opinion from another counselor or physician to determine the student's fitness to return to campus.

Students may appeal any denial of return to campus by submitting a written statement regarding the grounds for appeal to the vice president for college programs within five (5) business days of the college's decision. The vice president for college programs will submit the student's written appeal along with any position she may have to the president who will make a decision within five (5) business days of the appeal. The president's decision shall be final.

At any time, family of the student involved and appropriate College officials may be notified at the discretion of the vice president for college programs and other personnel on duty. If a student withdraws or takes a temporary leave of absence after referral and removal from campus, the student still must comply with the above requirements.

Smoking

Out of consideration for members of the College community who choose not to smoke or are allergic to smoke, smoking is prohibited in all Meredith buildings. We ask your cooperation in not smoking within 30 feet of any campus building.

Solicitation

Solicitation by on- or off-campus persons, organizations or businesses is strictly prohibited unless authorized by the Vice President for Student Development or by the Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development. Any use of College facilities by off-campus persons for purposes of solicitation, even those sponsored by campus organizations, must also be approved. Under no circumstances are off-campus persons allowed to solicit door-to-door in offices or residence halls.

Sexual Violence

The Meredith College community will not tolerate sexual assault or rape which are acts of sexual violence.

Sexual assault is defined as any incident of forcing another person to perform a sexual act against his/her will. Force can be implicit through the use of threatening words, gestures, or tone of voice, or explicit through actions of physical restraints. According to North Carolina state law, rape is defined as forced sexual intercourse against the will of another person. Rape is also considered to be sexual intercourse with a person who is physically, mentally, or otherwise incapacitated (including incapacitation from the use of alcohol and drugs), when the person performing the act knows of the victim's incapacity.

Meredith College recognizes the importance of assisting a member of the Meredith College community who is a victim of sexual violence in regaining a sense of personal control.

The College is obligated to take prompt and effective steps to end the sexual violence, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects, whether or not the sexual violence is the subject of a criminal investigation.

In this respect, several College departments coordinate efforts to offer services to a victim and others upon whom the sexual violence might have an impact. Meredith College strongly urges anyone who is the victim of sexual violence to:

- Seek medical assistance as soon as possible following the incident (within 72 hours), being sure to advise medical personnel that treatment is necessary because of assault or rape. If a victim decides to press charges, medical information is essential. An individual may contact Campus Police (919-760-8888), Interact 24 hour Rape Crisis Line (919-828-3005), or Wake Medical Safe Center (919-828-3067) for assistance.

- For crisis support, individuals may call the counselor on call through Campus Police (919-760-8888).
- For additional counseling, resources and information, contact the Counseling Center or the chaplain (919-760-8346). Individuals may use the chaplain and/or counselors to learn more about sexual violence and its effects; however, reporting to these resources is not reporting to the College as they are obligated to keep information confidential unless the individual is asking them to assist in reporting. A person may report incidents of sexual violence to Campus Police or local law enforcement authorities at any time in the complaint or resolution process. Campus Police is available to offer advice about legal options. In cases involving potential crime, the College must determine, consistent with State and local law, whether appropriate law enforcement or other authorities should be notified.

Sexual violence allegedly committed by a Meredith College community member violates the Harassment and Non-Discrimination Policy. Complainants may refer to this policy for information about filing a complaint and seeking resolution.

Students who are accused of sexual violence can be reported to and adjudicated by the College Honor System. During a College on-campus disciplinary case, the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during the disciplinary hearing. In Honor Council cases involving sexual violence, the preponderance of evidence standard will be used. Upon request of the assaulted student, sexual violence committed by a student from another campus can be referred to that student's campus for judicial action.

Weapons/Firearms

Possession of weapons/firearms is strictly prohibited on campus and at College-sponsored functions. Violators will be reported to campus police and the Honor Council.

Using the Meredith Name and Logos

Designs for T-shirts and other items bearing the Meredith name must be approved by the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development. All student organizations must complete a T-Shirt Approval Form and have it approved and on file. All copyright laws apply. Please contact the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development at (919) 760-8338 for more information. Questions about the use of Meredith's seal or watermark should be referred to the Department of Marketing at (919) 760-8455.

Publicity Information

Meredith reserves the right to use photographs of students in publications, advertisements, electronic communications and other areas.

Meredith often recognizes student accomplishments by publicizing them in local and hometown newspapers.

Security and Emergency Procedures

Campus Police: Campus phone: dial 8888

Private phone: dial (919) 760-8888

Meredith College employs the Campus Police Department to provide security services to students, faculty, staff and guests. Police and security officers patrol the campus 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Officers use radio phones while patrolling the campus, investigating complaints, regulating traffic, controlling parking and supervising the fire prevention program.

Medical Emergency

Campus Police: 8888 [or (919) 760-8888]

Emergency Medical Service: 9-911 campus phone, 911 otherwise

Campus police and security officers are trained in first-responder care. Medical emergencies should be reported to Campus Police (8888) immediately.

If at any time you believe it is necessary to call the Emergency Medical Service (911 or 9-911, on a campus phone), call the Campus Police (8888). They will contact the EMS and direct them to the site of the emergency. The person receiving the services of EMS will be responsible for all fees charged.

Theft of Personal Property

Students who experience a theft or loss of personal property should alert Campus Police (8888 on-campus, or 919-760-8888) as soon as possible. Meredith is not responsible for the personal property of students.

Fire Emergency

Call Campus Police (8888 on-campus or 919-760-8888) after you activate alarm.

If you discover the fire:

- Activate the nearest alarm.
- Get out of the building immediately if fire is threatening.
- Alert Campus Police.

Other tips to keep safe in a fire:

- Before leaving a room, check the doorknob to see if it is hot. If hot, do not open; go to the window and wait for the firefighters to rescue. Do not try to jump or climb down. (With the door closed, you are not in immediate danger).
- If smoke is beginning to fill the hallway as you evacuate, grab

something to help filter the smoke. If you get caught in heavy smoke, crawl to the nearest exit.

- If fire blocks your nearest exit, go immediately to the next closest exit.

To ensure the safety of its students, Meredith College will periodically stage fire drills. During a fire drill, students should:

- Close windows.
- Turn off all lights except overhead.
- Close door when leaving room.
- Walk rapidly (do not run) out of the building. The first person to reach the door should hold it open for others.
- Wait for the signal to return.

NOTE: It is against the law to activate a fire alarm when there is no fire.

Tornado Emergency

A “tornado watch” means tornados are possible. A “tornado warning” means that a tornado has been sighted in the warning area. Campus Police have weather alert radios that emit an audible signal if the National Weather Bureau has issued a warning for our immediate area. Campus Police will sound the alarm for an alert.

In the event of a tornado alert:

- Go immediately to an interior, first-floor hallway or basement. Avoid areas with wide, free-span roofs such as the gymnasium.
- Close all first-floor doors for safety.
- Move as far away from windows and outside doors as possible.
- Take shelter underneath a desk or any heavy furniture available.
- Sit down on the hallway floor with your head between your knees, and cover your head with your hands.

Security: A Shared Responsibility

Although Meredith College takes seriously the need to provide a campus that is as safe as possible, each student must assume the responsibility for his/her own personal safety. No environment can be assumed to be totally safe, so each person must be constantly alert to his/her own safety and that of his/her peers.

The best defense is a good offense. To increase personal safety and security, students are advised to take the following precautions:

- Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid dark areas, and look for and report suspicious activity.
- Avoid walking alone to and from the outer parking lots after dark.
- Travel with a companion whenever possible.
- Lock doors to cars.

Important Phone Numbers

Four-digit phone numbers are reachable from campus phones. When off-campus, use “760” as a prefix to the following:

Academic and Career Planning	8341
Accounting	8363
BeeHive Café	8328
Belk Dining Hall	8377
Campus Events	8533
Campus Chaplain	8346
Campus Police and Parking	8888
Carlyle Campbell Library	8531
Commuter Life/Special Services	8633
Counseling Center	8427
Disabilities Services	8521
Financial Assistance Office	8565
Graduate Studies Office	8423
Health Center	8535
Inclement Weather	2384
Off-Campus Weather Line	832-8878
International Student Adviser	8429
Learning Center	2800
Meredith Performs Box Office	2840
Paralegal Program Office	2855
Registrar	8593
Student Leadership & Service Office	8338
Supply Store	8545
Technology Services Help Desk	2323
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2014-2015 Academic Calendar

FALL SEMESTER 2014

Arrival of new students	SAT AUG 16
Paralegal Program classes begin	MON AUG 18
Registration and Add/Drop.	TUE AUG 19
Classes begin	WED AUG 20
Last day to add and drop (no grade) courses	TUE AUG 26
Drop with a grade of "W" begins (refer to the fee schedule)	WED AUG 27
Labor Day Holiday--No classes held	MON SEP 01
Last day to make a grading change.	WED SEP 17
Mid-Term.	WED OCT 08
Autumn Recess	THU OCT 09 – SUN OCT 12
Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.	MON OCT 13
Progress Reports due at Noon	MON OCT 13
Spring 2015 Pre-registration begins.	MON OCT 27
Last Day to withdraw, request LOA or drop a class (with a grade of "W")	FRI OCT 31
Thanksgiving Recess	WED NOV 26 – SUN NOV 30
Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.	MON DEC 01
Evening Classes follow the Thursday schedule.	TUE DEC 02
Last day of classes	WED DEC 03
Reading day; music juries	THU DEC 04
Final Examinations	FRI DEC 05 - THU DEC 11
Grades due for all students at Noon	MON DEC 15

SPRING SEMESTER 2015

Registration and Drop/Add.	FRI JAN 09
Classes begin	MON JAN 12
Last day to add or drop (no grade) courses	FRI JAN 16
Drop with a grade of "W" begins (refer to the fee schedule)	SAT JAN 17
Holiday--Martin Luther King Day	MON JAN 19
Last day to make a grading change.	MON FEB 09
Mid-Term.	MON MAR 02
Progress Reports due at Noon	FRI MAR 06
Spring Recess	MON MAR 09 – SUN MAR 15
All Offices Closed for Spring Break.	FRI MAR 13
Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.	MON MAR 16
Last Day to withdraw, request LOA or drop a class (with a grade of "W")	FRI MAR 27
Easter Recess	FRI APR 03 – SUN APR 05
Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.	MON APR 06
Fall 2015 Pre-registration	MON APR 06
Celebrating Student Achievement (No Classes)	TUE APR 14
Last day of Classes	WED APR 29
Reading day; music juries	THU APR 30
Final Examinations	FRI MAY 01 – THU MAY 07
Grades due for graduating students at Noon	MON MAY 04
Commencement	SAT MAY 09
Grades due for all students at Noon	TUE MAY 12

SUMMER 2015

Classes will not meet Monday May 25 and Friday, July 3	
First six-week session (Day and Evening)	MAY 11 – JUN 19
Second six-week session (Day and Evening).	JUN 22 – JUL 31
First three-week session	MAY 18 – JUN 05
Second three-week session	JUN 08 – JUN 26
Third three-week session	JUN 29 – JUL 17
Full Summer Session	MAY 11 - JUL 31

2015-2016 Academic Calendar

FALL SEMESTER 2015

Arrival of new students	SAT AUG 15
Paralegal Program classes begin	MON AUG 17
Registration and Add/Drop.	TUE AUG 18
Classes begin	WED AUG 19
Last day to add and drop (no grade) courses	TUE AUG 25
Drop with a grade of "W" begins (refer to the fee schedule)	WED AUG 26
Labor Day Holiday--No classes held	MON SEP 07
Last day to make a grading change.	WED SEP 16
Mid-Term.	WED OCT 07
Autumn Recess	THU OCT 08 – SUN OCT 11
Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.	MON OCT 12
Progress Reports due at Noon	MON OCT 12
Spring 2016 Pre-registration begins.	MON OCT 26
Last Day to withdraw, request LOA or drop a class (with a grade of "W")	FRI OCT 30
Thanksgiving Recess	WED NOV 25 – SUN NOV 29
Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.	MON NOV 30
Evening classes follow the Thursday schedule.	TUE DEC 01
Last day of classes	WED DEC 02
Reading day; music juries	THU DEC 03
Final Examinations	FRI DEC 04 – THU DEC 10
Grades due for all students at Noon	MON DEC 14

SPRING SEMESTER 2016

Registration and Drop/Add.	FRI JAN 08
Classes begin	MON JAN 11
Last day to add and drop (no grade) courses	FRI JAN 15
Drop with a grade of "W" begins (refer to the fee schedule)	SAT JAN 16
Holiday--Martin Luther King Day	MON JAN 18
Last day to make a grading change.	MON FEB 08
Mid-Term.	MON FEB 29
Progress Reports due at Noon	FRI MAR 04
Spring Recess	MON MAR 07 – SUN MAR 13
All Offices Closed for Spring Break.	FRI MAR 11
Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.	MON MAR 14
Last Day to withdraw, request LOA or drop a class (with a grade of "W")	FRI MAR 24
Easter Recess	FRI MAR 25 – SUN MAR 27
Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.	MON MAR 28
Fall 2016 Pre-registration	MON APR 04
Celebrating Student Achievement (No Classes)	TUE APR 12
Last day of Classes	WED APR 27
Reading day; music juries	THU APR 28
Final Examinations	FRI APR 29 – THU MAY 05
Grades due for graduating students at Noon	MON MAY 02
Commencement	SAT MAY 07
Grades due for all students at Noon	TUE MAY 10

SUMMER 2016

Classes will not meet Monday May 30 and Monday, July 4	
First six-week session (Day and Evening).	MAY 09 – JUN 17
Second six-week session (Day and Evening) JUN 20 – JUL 29	
First three-week session	MAY 16 – JUN 03
Second three-week session	JUN 06 – JUN 24
Third three-week session	JUN 27 – JUL 15
Full Summer Session	MAY 09 - JUL 29

