

Questions to Ask When Considering a Master's in Education Program

- Is the program accredited by the [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation](#)?
- Is there a payment plan option?
- What is the placement rate?
- How flexible is the schedule and are self-paced courses available?
- Is there an enrollment advisor to help answer questions?
- Is a test-prep option affiliated with the program?
- What long-term data is available to show retention after program completion?
- What program satisfaction rates are available?
- Can my previously earned Continuing Education courses count toward my degree?

Self-Talk Guide

When You Say...	Could You Say This Instead?
Full time work is preventing me from earning my Master's degree.	What program will allow me to keep working while earning my degree?
I don't have time to explore programs.	What programs have proven track records and are readily accessible to me?
The prerequisite testing is intimidating!	What programs support my testing requirements?
I've been out of school for too long to go back again.	My life skills are valuable and my experience gives me an advantage I wouldn't have had if I had continued my studies right out of undergrad.
My parenting responsibilities are too consuming.	My child(ren) will have a great memory of my hard work and I will be a role model.
I'm not sure of the return on investment.	The sooner you get started, the more return on investment you'll make. When is an investment in fulfilling your destiny not a good idea?
What if I get started and have to quit?	If I don't start, I'll definitely never accomplish my goal. What options are there for people who may need to pause temporarily?