GRADUATE STUDIES IN EDUCATION

The degrees offered through the School of Education at Aquinas College reflect the belief that teaching is more than a career choice; it is both a gift and a mission. Students are prepared to be teachers of the Truth, thus enabling them to bring the message of salvation to bear on ethical, social, political, religious, and cultural issues in a variety of public, private, and parochial school settings.

GOALS FOR GRADUATE STUDIES IN EDUCATION

• To educate the whole person by promoting the spiritual, moral, physical, and intellectual development of each prospective teacher in a value centered environment.
• To challenge the individual abilities of each teacher or prospective teacher in such a manner as to enhance self-worth and to attain academic excellence.
• To encourage caring leadership, competence in teaching, and cooperation in endeavors with other professionals.
• To motivate students to live as part of a believing community which works to serve the multi-faceted needs of the children in society; to enable students to embrace the plurality of cultures and creeds; and to respect and reverence the individual differences of children as a wonder of God.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree is for an individual who presently holds a degree and/or license in teaching and who would like to pursue an advanced degree.

LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR MASTER OF EDUCATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

Understanding the vocation of teaching as both gift and mission, Master of Education graduates of Aquinas College:

• Contribute to the formation of a community that promotes a sense of personal worth, competence and responsibility, and that fosters moral courage in dealing with the complex issues of our times.
• Promote a culture of learning that embraces students and their families, professional colleagues, and the community at large.
• Exercise educational leadership by commitment to ongoing professional formation, to collaborate with parents and colleagues, and to serve as role models and mentors in the profession.
• Integrate genuine respect for the dignity of each person: student, parent, colleague, and member of the community.
• Integrate relevant data to guide personal reflective practice, to monitor student learning, to contribute to school improvement in professional settings, and to promote scholarly inquiry.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: MASTER OF EDUCATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING – M.ED.:

1. Submit proof of a current or expired Teaching Certificate.
2. Submit a completed Aquinas College Graduate Application.
3. Submit a two page essay. Essay topics are available with the Graduate Education Application.
4. Submit one additional writing sample.
5. Submit current resume.
6. Submit two (2) recommendations using the forms provided in the Graduate Application Packet. One recommendation must be from an administrator, college supervisor, or former employer. The other recommendation must be from a professional colleague or a former teacher who can evaluate applicant’s potential for success in a graduate program.
7. Provide (2) official transcripts from all previously attended colleges or universities.
   + If transcript is from an international institution: applicants must provide 2 official copies of a third party course by course credential evaluation. World Education Services (www.wes.org) or Educational Credential Evaluators (www.ece.org) offer this service.
8. An interview is required. Applicant will be contacted by the Admissions Office.
9. Completed criminal background and fingerprint checks prior to admission.
10. Applicants whose native language is not English, must submit a TOEFL test score of at least 600 (paper-based), or 250 (computer-based), (Internet-based).


1. Submit proof of a Bachelor’s degree.
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8. Provide official ACT/SAT scores. High school transcript including ACT/SAT scores is acceptable.
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Non-degree applicants, contact the Office of Admissions for specific requirements.
APPLICANT INFORMATION

Salutation  □ Mr.  □ Mrs.  □ Miss  □ Ms.  □ Dr.  □ Rev.  □ Sister  □ Brother

Full legal name (Please include middle name or initial)  __________________________________________

Preferred name  __________________________________________  City  ________  State  ________  Zip  ________

Maiden name  __________________________________________  County  __________________________________________

E-mail address  __________________________________________

Home phone number  __________________________________________  Cell phone number  __________________________________________

Permanent address (if different from above)  __________________________________________  City  ________  State  ________  Zip  ________  County  __________________________________________

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)  ____ / ____ / ____  City of birth  ________  State of birth  ________  Country of birth  __________________________________________

Gender  □ Male  □ Female

Social Security number  ________ - ________ - ________

Are you a U.S. citizen?  □ Yes  □ No

If you answered No, please complete the following:

Are you a permanent resident?  □ Yes  □ No  Do you have an F-1 VISA?  □ Yes  □ No

Alien Registration Number  __________________________________________  VISA classification  __________________________________________

Country of citizenship  __________________________________________  Native language  __________________________________________

Have you taken the TOEFL?  □ Yes  □ No  TOEFL test date  ____________  TOEFL score  ____________

Are you a veteran?  □ Yes  □ No

How did you hear about Aquinas College?  □ Internet-College Search Website  □ Internet-Search Engine  □ Internet-Banner Ad

□ Internet-Banner Ad  □ College Fair  □ College Guidebook  □ High School Guidance Counselor

□ Mailing from Aquinas College (postcard, brochure, magazine, etc.)  □ E-mail from Aquinas College

□ Friend/Relative/Acquaintance  □ Other  __________________________________________

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The following information is used in compiling federal, state, and institutional data and is NOT a factor in admission decisions. You are not required to respond to these questions.

Marital status  □ Single  □ Married  □ Separated  □ Divorced  □ Widowed

Religion  □ Roman Catholic  □ Methodist  □ Baptist  □ Episcopalian  □ Presbyterian  □ Jewish  □ Church of Christ  □ Lutheran

□ Other (Please Specify)  __________________________________________

Ethnicity  □ Hispanic or Latino  □ Not Hispanic or Latino

If not, please select one of the following:  □ American Indian or Alaska Native  □ Asian  □ Black or African-American

□ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  □ White

□ Other (Please Specify)  __________________________________________
EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name __________________________

Home phone number __________________________ Work phone number __________________________ Cell phone number __________________________

Relationship to you □ Parent(s) □ Legal guardian □ Spouse □ Other (Please Specify)

List all colleges, universities, and professional schools attended:

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ALL APPLICANTS
Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation? □ Yes □ No

Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at a college or university you have attended (or the international equivalent), whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in your probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from the institution? □ Yes □ No

Have you ever been involved in disciplinary action because of use, possession, or sale of a controlled substance? □ Yes □ No

If you answered yes to any or all of the questions above, please explain the circumstances (including the approximate date of each incident and outcome) on a separate sheet of paper.

Completed criminal background and fingerprint check is required prior to admission to the program.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY
It is the policy of Aquinas College, while reserving its lawful rights where applicable to take actions designed to promote the Dominican and Roman Catholic principles that sustain its mission and heritage, to comply with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and in its educational programs. Aquinas College admits qualified students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age or disability to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the College. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or disability in administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs.

NOTICE
Federal law requires all institutions of higher education to disclose statistical information such as campus safety, graduation rates, and other data about the institution. Prospective students will find this information posted on the Admissions FAQ page of our Website. For more information, please visit www.aquinascollege.edu/admissions/admissionsfaq.php.

For more information, please call (615) 297-7545 or (800) 649-9956 or visit www.aquinascollege.edu.

□ I certify that all information in the admission process — including the application, my resume, any supplements, and all supporting materials — is my own work, is factually true, and honestly presented. I understand that I may be subject to disciplinary action, including admission revocation or expulsion, should the information I have certified be false.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE:

Applicant __________________________ Date __________________________