Teacher Education and Professional Development – Ed.S. Degree
Murray State University
Applies to all those holding a Rank II Certification (see below)
Specialist in Education Elementary, Middle, or Secondary
Program Guide Sheet

The Ed.S. program is designed to fulfill course requirements for Rank I classification. Admission to the program requires a Masters Degree and a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The program must be PREPLANNED* with a specialist committee which consists of three faculty members and includes 30 semester hours of graduate level course work. A minimum of 15 hours must be completed in professional education and a minimum of 15 hours of courses completed at the 600 level, and at least 18 hours of credit must be taken at Murray State. Courses for specialization may be selected to enhance current certification or to work toward new certification or to address professional needs and interests. Applicants must hold a Rank II Certificate or its equivalent. The program must be completed within eight years from the time the student initially enrolls in any course applicable to the program. The student’s progress will be continuously assessed throughout the program using established checkpoints. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 is required for completion of this program. Exit assessment: a GPA of 3.0 or higher and Specialty Study with oral defense.

Professional Education - Core Courses (15 hours)
   EDP 675 Advanced Educational Psychology            3 ___
   EDU 622 Philosophy of Education
   OR
   EDU 623 Educational Sociology                        3 ___
   EDU 798 Specialty Study                              6 ___
   ELE 647 Curriculum in the Elementary School
   OR
   MID 640 Middle School Curriculum
   OR
   SEC 641 Building the Curriculum of the
       Secondary Schools                                    3 ___
   *Courses approved by the Student Specialist Committee. (15 hours) 3 ___
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The student, the specialist committee, and the advisor have discussed this program and agree to the foregoing plan. *An official MSU Graduate Program form must also be completed and submitted prior to completion of the first course taken. The Program form is approved by a graduate advisor and the Collegiate Graduate Coordinator.

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Student’s Signature   Advisor’s Signature   Date