

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Degrees | Programs | Certification

The Piedmont College School of Education has developed several options for individuals who desire to learn and receive practice and skills in Instructional Technology. For more information, contact the program coordinator, [Dr. Randy Hollandsworth](#) or the [Office of Graduate Admissions](#).

Degree Program Certification	Designed for	Actions Required
Master of Arts (MA) degree in Instructional Technology – Instructional Design and Development (36 credits)	Individuals who hold a bachelor’s degree in any field and who desire to learn the fundamentals and skills of instructional design and human resource development for non-educational settings.	No state P-12 certification associated with this degree , graduates seek professional roles in government, higher education, and corporate organizations as trainers, designers, online learning managers, and eLearning developers.
Master of Arts (MA) degree in Instructional Technology – Initial Certification (42 credits)	Certified educators who have two or more years’ teaching experience and who seek initial certification in Instructional Technology.	Candidates who successfully complete the program and who take and pass the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) assessments in Instructional Technology will be recommended for an initial Level 5 Service (S) certificate in Instructional Technology.
Certification-Only (Initial certification) (18 credits)	Certified educators who hold a master’s degree or higher in a field of certification other than Instructional Technology and who seek initial certification in Instructional Technology.	Candidates will meet with an advisor, who will complete a transcript analysis to determine requirements. Individuals who successfully complete the prescribed requirements and who take and pass the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) assessments in Instructional Technology will be recommended for an initial Service (S) certificate in Instructional Technology.
Education Specialist (EdS) degree in Instructional Technology – Initial Certification (33 credits)	Certified educators who hold a master’s degree or higher in a field of certification other than Instructional Technology and who seek initial certification and an advanced degree in Instructional Technology.	Candidates who successfully complete the program and who take and pass the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) assessments in Instructional Technology will be recommended for an initial Level 6 Service (S) certificate in Instructional Technology.
Education Specialist (EdS) degree in Instructional Technology – Advanced Certification (30 credits)	Certified educators who are currently certified in Instructional Technology and who wish to upgrade their skills and their certification.	Candidates who complete the program can apply in their school districts and/or to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) for a certificate/pay upgrade. All certifications will be upgraded to Level 6.
Conversion Mechanism (Initial Certification)	Certified educators who currently hold a graduate degree in instructional technology or closely related field (in a Georgia PSC approved institution or out-of-state institution with NCATE, TEAC, or CAEP accredited programs) may apply to have their previous work evaluated under a Conversion Mechanism and be recommended for initial certification.	Individuals will work with an advisor to develop a portfolio and take any requisite course work. Upon completion of conversion requirements, the candidate must take and pass the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) assessments in Instructional Technology will be recommended for an initial Service (S) certificate in Instructional Technology.