

corporate investment decision is addressed, along with working capital management, financial security valuation, costs of raising capital, capital structure decisions, and dividend policy. Contemporary financial matters and the economic environment, both from domestic and international perspectives, are also addressed.

**MBA 745 Strategic Planning** (3) Applying concepts learned in accounting, economics, marketing, finance, management, management science, and statistics through case analysis. Focus on increasing analytical, synthesizing, communicative, and evaluative skills in both individual and group problem-solving contexts. Several cases on multinational firms introduce the international dimension.

## GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### MISSION STATEMENT

Francis Marion University's School of Education, where teaching and learning are the highest priorities, prepares professional educators in the Pee Dee region and beyond, for a rapidly changing, complex, and diverse society through the acquisition of knowledge, professional skills, and professional dispositions.

School of Education Conceptual Framework

The Francis Marion University School of Education prepares competent and caring teachers.

The School of Education offers the following degree programs:

1. Master of Education (M.Ed.) with majors in Learning Disabilities (Special Education) and Instructional Accommodation (Divergent Learning). Completion of the M.Ed. degree does not lead to initial South Carolina teacher licensure.
2. Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) with a major in Learning Disabilities. Completion of the M.A.T. degree leads to initial South Carolina teacher licensure.

### DEGREE & NON-GRADUATE DEGREE STATUS

1. Students are accepted to graduate study in education as either graduate degree students or as graduate non-degree students. Graduate non-degree students do not seek a master's degree at FMU but wish to take courses for professional growth, personal enrichment, or licensure.
2. Changing from non-degree to degree status: If the student later chooses to become a M.Ed./M.A.T. degree seeker, a new application must be filed with the Graduate Office, indicating the program selected and following all admission requirements as delineated in this catalog. No more than 12 hours of coursework earned while in non-degree status can be applied to the master's degree program chosen. The School of Education will determine whether any coursework taken is appropriate to apply to a degree program. Only those courses deemed appropriate will be applied to a master's degree.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SCHOOL OF EDUCATION GRADUATE PROGRAMS

To be considered for admission as a Master of Education (M.Ed.) or a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree student, an applicant must complete the following steps:

1. Submit a graduate application for admission and pay the non-

refundable graduate application fee.

2. Submit official transcript(s) from a regionally accredited institutions, of all undergraduate and graduate work (the undergraduate transcript must show the completion of a bachelor's degree). The academic record should show promise of success as a graduate student.
3. Submit appropriate recent (within five years) test scores on Graduate Record Examination or the Miller Analogies Test or a passing South Carolina score on the PRAXIS II (PLT) exam. A copy of a valid South Carolina teaching license may be used in lieu of test scores for M.Ed. programs.
4. Submit two letters of recommendation from professional associates or former professors who can attest to the academic potential of the applicant.
5. Submit a written statement of your philosophy of education, 300 to 500 words in length. Please include one's interests and reasons for seeking admission to the Master of Education or Master of Arts in Teaching program.
6. Items 1-5 must be submitted in one packet to:  
School of Education  
Francis Marion University  
PO Box 100547  
Florence, SC 29502-0547
7. To receive an application or for any questions, please visit online [www.fmarion.edu/academics/graduate\\_programs](http://www.fmarion.edu/academics/graduate_programs).
8. To be guaranteed timely consideration for acceptance into the Master of Education program, all of the above materials must be submitted by:  
Fall Admission: March 15  
Spring Admission: October 15

\*If you are unable to meet the above submission dates, please contact the School of Education 843-661-1460.

9. Acceptance is on the basis of the evaluation of the applicant's total academic profile.
10. NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to gather all materials to complete his/her application. Only those completed (with all materials) will be reviewed by the School of Education Graduate Committee.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE NON-DEGREE STATUS

To be considered for admission as a graduate non-degree student, an applicant must complete the following steps:

1. Submit a graduate application for admission and pay the non-refundable graduate application fee to the Graduate Office.
2. Submit official transcript(s) of all undergraduate and graduate work. The student may submit a copy of a valid teaching license or a copy of the college/university diploma in place of the official transcript(s).
3. All of the above materials must be submitted in one packet to:  
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