

Master of Education in Distance Education Program Plan



This is intended as a tool to help you plan your studies. Contact the CDE office at 1-800-788-9041 ext. 6179 for further assistance with program planning. Students wishing to pursue a Focus Area must have their program plan approved by the Program Director. Submit completed plans to mde@athabascau.ca.

Student name: _____

Student ID: _____

Date admitted to program: _____

Focus Area

Please indicate which Focus Area, if any, you wish to pursue.

- Instructional Design
- Leadership in Education
- Mobile Learning
- K-12 Blended and Online Learning
- None, or undecided

Program Structure

Below is a summary of the requirements of the MEd (DE) program, following the course-based or thesis routes.

Course-based route	Credits
Core requirements (5 courses)	15 credits
Electives (4 courses)	12 credits
Independent Study or Final Elective (1 course)	3 credits
MDDE 694: Capstone E-portfolio Project	3 credits
Total credits:	33 credits

Thesis route	Credits
Core requirements (5 courses)	15 credits
Electives (2 courses)	6 credits
Thesis courses (4 courses)	12 credits
Total credits:	33 credits



Core Requirements

Please indicate the term in which you completed or plan to complete each course. Where there is a choice, please indicate your preference.

Required Course	Credits	Term completed or planned
MDDE 601: Introduction to Distance Education and Training	3 credits	
MDDE 602: Research Methods in Distance Education	3 credits	
MDDE 603: Foundations of Instructional Design: Systems Analysis and Learning Theory	3 credits	
<i>Indicate your choice: MDDE 604 or MDDE 605</i>	3 credits	
<i>Indicate your choice: MDDE 610 or MDDE 620</i>	3 credits	
Total credits:	15 credits	

Course-based route

Students planning to complete a thesis: skip to next section.

Electives

Please indicate the electives you plan to take and when you plan to complete each.

Elective Courses	Credits	Term completed or planned
	3 credits	
	3 credits	
	3 credits	
	3 credits	
	3 credits	
Total credits:	15 credits	

E-portfolio

All course-based students must complete MDDE 694: Capstone E-portfolio Project. Please indicate when you plan to complete this final component of your degree. Students should consider developing their e-portfolio as they work through the MEd (DE) program – support can be found on the E-Portfolio Orientation and Development site, found in the CDE Moodle page.

Capstone Course	Credits	Plan to complete
MDDE 694: Capstone E-portfolio Project	3 credits	

Thesis Route

Electives

Please indicate the electives you plan to take and when you plan to complete each.

Elective Courses	Credits	Term completed or planned
	3 credits	
	3 credits	
Total credits:	6 credits	

Thesis Preparation Courses

Please indicate when you plan to complete each thesis preparation course. Before enrolling in these courses, students must be in contact with the MEd Thesis Advisor.

Thesis Courses	Credits	Term completed or planned
MDDE 701: Quantitative Research Methods	3 credits	
MDDE 702: Qualitative Research Methods	3 credits	
MDDE 703: Research Proposal Writing	3 credits	
Total credits:	12 credits	

Thesis Completion and Defense

Please indicate your planned topic or area of interest which you would like to pursue, as well as which faculty member(s) you would like to work with, and when you expect to complete and defend your thesis.

MDDE 704: Research Completion and Defense: 3 credits
Topic or area of interest:
Possible supervisor(s):
Plan to complete:

Students may elect to opt out of the thesis route at any time and complete their degree through the course-based route.