Instructional Technology Program

The Instructional Technology (IT) Program promotes the theory-based design of learning opportunities that maximize the teaching and learning processes through a range of technology applications. Program efforts span a range of audiences, meeting diverse needs—school-aged learners, adult learners, and learners with disabilities—in public and private settings. Within this framework, the program emphasizes research, reflection, collaboration, leadership, and implementation and delivery models. Doctoral degrees, master’s degrees, and graduate certificates can be earned in each of the three program tracks, which include:

- Instructional Design and Development (IDD)
- Integrating Technology in Schools (ITS)
- Assistive/Special Education Technology (A/SET)

A Master’s Degree in the Instructional Technology Program of the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD)

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Instructional Design and Development
MEd Program

A Master’s Degree in the Instructional Technology Program of the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD)
Instructional Technology MEd Program (30 Credits)

The Instructional Design and Development (IDD) Master’s Degree of the Instructional Technology (IT) Program provides the knowledge and skills to craft effective solutions to instructional and performance challenges including the design and development of technology-based solution systems and learning environments using the latest educational technologies and design processes. If you are interested in combining state-of-the-art technologies with training, teaching, and learning, we hope you will come join us for a unique experience to expand your professional skills.

Part-Time Program

Required Courses (23 credits)

- EDIT 526 – Web Accessibility and Design (3)
- EDIT 704 - Instructional Technology Foundations and Learning Theory (3)
- EDIT 705 – Instructional Design (3)
- EDIT 730 - Advanced Instructional Design (3)
- EDIT 732 – Analysis and Design of Technology-Based Learning Environments (3)
- EDIT 752 - Design and Production of Technology-Based Learning Environments (3)
- EDIT 590 - Educational Research (3)
- EDIT 601 - IDD Portfolio (1)
- EDIT 701 - Advanced IDD Portfolio (1)

Electives (Select 7 credits)

Select 7 credits from any EDIT course in any of the Instructional Technology tracks including specialized courses in areas such as human computer interface, social networking, performance-based design, virtual worlds, mobile learning, etc.

A list of all EDIT courses including descriptions can be found at it.gse.gmu.edu/courses.

Full-Time Program

The Full-Time Immersion Program is an option within the IDD track of the IT master’s program. The Immersion Program is designed to allow teams of full-time students to immerse themselves in project-based experiences that require them to use their instructional design, development, and management skills through authentic practice. This program is typically completed within three semesters, and tuition is significantly funded by the sponsoring agency. Course requirements and admission requirements differ from the part-time program. For more information on the Immersion Program visit it.gse.gmu.edu/degrees.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution with a 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credits of study. Some applicants with a lower GPA may be admitted provisionally if there is sufficient evidence of potential success.
- Three letters of recommendation from professional references targeting instructional technology and academic abilities. Use the form in the Application for Graduate Study.
- Two official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. Unofficial Mason transcripts are acceptable.
- One- or two-page goals statement that gives the reasons for choosing Instructional Technology as your profession.
- Passing scores on TOEFL tests for non-native English-speaking applicants.
- Completed Application for Graduate Study.
- Nonrefundable application fee.

How to Apply

A link to the Application for Graduate Study and application deadlines can be found at it.gse.gmu.edu/apply.

Tuition Rates

Current tuition rates can be found at fiscal.gmu.edu/resources/tuition_rates.htm.

Add the e-Learning Graduate Certificate as a Secondary Program

Students may apply 13 of the 30 credits required for the IT master’s program toward the e-Learning Graduate Certificate, if it is added prior to graduating by filling out the Declaration of Secondary Program form located at it.gse.gmu.edu/resources.

Nondegree Program

Individuals who have missed the deadline for submitting a complete graduate application and wish to begin taking courses may do so through the nondegree program. Up to 12 credits can be transferred from the nondegree program to the IT master’s Program. The application and deadline information for the Nondegree Program can be found at admissions.gmu.edu/nondegree.