



The Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment (MESA) MEd program provides rigorous training in quantitative and qualitative methodologies and addresses the current industry-wide shortage of individuals capable of functioning effectively in educational research and other social science research settings. The MESA program is designed for several student populations—PhD students in other fields interested in increasing their research skills and enhancing their career opportunities by simultaneously enrolling in the MESA MEd; students who want the technical skills for positions in academic institutions, state and federal agencies, school districts, and the testing industry (e.g., licensure and certification boards and private and not-for-profit testing organizations); and for students who eventually wish to pursue doctoral studies in a MESA area. This program offers:

- **Nationally recognized faculty committed to the mentoring process**
- **Projects and course work tailored to student career goals and interests**
- **Experience with various computer programs for statistical analysis and measurement construction**
- **Specialized course work taught by professionals working full-time in MESA-related fields**
- **Effective balance between theoretical and applied courses**
- **Involvement in faculty research projects**
- **Training in fields with excellent career potential**

PROGRAM FACULTY

The core MESA faculty at UIC has a broad range of experiences and expertise to address virtually every aspect of the available job markets. Our faculty members have worked in academia, testing companies, school-district research and evaluation units, state departments of education, government agencies, and health research organizations. Our areas of expertise include program evaluation, assessment, psychometrics, and statistics, with research in theoretical and applied aspects of these fields. Our faculty members have both the experience and expertise to effectively mentor students for their specific career aspirations.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The MESA MEd program requires a minimum of 32 semester hours of course work. Specifically, students must complete 12 semester hours of a research methods core, a minimum of five semester hours of required course work for students taking the thesis option, and a minimum of 15 semester hours of elective courses.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

The MESA program at UIC offers an impressive depth of course offerings, especially in psychometrics, and is one of the only institutions in the country that offers course work in all four major paradigms in psychometrics (IRT, Rasch measurement, generalizability theory, and classical test theory). For more information, visit www.education.uic.edu/ mesa-med.

CONTACT INFO

Dr. Everett Smith	Ana Valenta
Program Coordinator	MEd Programs Advisor
312-996-5630	312-355-0575
evsmith@uic.edu	agarcij@uic.edu