

I. GRADUATE ACADEMIC STUDIES

A. INTRODUCTION

Graduate study at Salisbury University provides degree holders from the U.S. and abroad with opportunities for professional advancement and personal enrichment. The graduate curriculum is designed to assist students in attaining greater mastery of their fields of specialization, improving skills in pursuing independent study, and increasing professional knowledge and ability through the study of new findings in areas of special interest.

B. MISSION STATEMENT

Salisbury University is a premier comprehensive Maryland public university offering excellent, affordable education in undergraduate liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing, health sciences, social work, and education and applied master's and doctoral programs. Our highest purpose is to empower our students with the knowledge, skills, and core values that contribute to active citizenship, gainful employment, and life-long learning in a democratic society and interdependent world.

Salisbury University cultivates and sustains a superior learning community where students, faculty, and staff are viewed as learners, teachers/scholars, and facilitators, and where a commitment to excellence and openness to a broad array of ideas and perspectives are central to all aspects of University life. Our learning community is student-centered. Students learn from professional educators in small classroom settings, faculty and professional staff serve as academic advisors, and virtually every student has an opportunity to undertake research or experiential learning with a faculty mentor. Through our privately endowed Schools and Honors College, and the College of Health and Human Services, we foster an environment where individuals prepare for career and life, including their social, physical, occupational, emotional, and intellectual well-being.

The University recruits exceptional and diverse faculty, staff, and undergraduate and graduate students from across Maryland and the United States and from around the world, supporting all members of the University community as they work together to achieve institutional goals and vision. Believing that learning and service are vital components of civic life, Salisbury University actively contributes to the local Eastern Shore community and the educational, economic, cultural, and social needs of our State and nation.

C. GRADUATE PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Salisbury University is approved for graduate instruction by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The University currently offers 18 graduate degree programs leading to a master's degree as well as several certificate programs:

- Master of Arts in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution (M.A.)
- Master of Arts in English (M.A.)
- Master of Arts in History (M.A.)
- Master of Arts in Public Communication (M.A.)
- Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)*
- Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)**
- Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.)
- Master of Education in Educational Leadership (M.Ed.)
- Master of Education Higher Education Leadership (M.Ed.)
- Master of Education Reading Specialist (M.Ed.)
- Master of Science in Applied Biology (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Health and Human Performance (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Geographic Information Systems Management (M.S.)**
- Master of Science in Mathematics Education (M.S.M.E.)
- Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.)**
- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)**

*The M.A.T. is a cooperative program with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore

**The MBA and MSW programs are also offered online. The GIS and Nursing programs are exclusively online.

The University currently offers 2 doctoral degrees:

- Doctor of Education Contemporary Curriculum Theory and Instruction (Ed.D)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P)*

* The DNP program is exclusively online.

SU also offers the following certificates:

- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Care Management
- Post-Masters Certificate of Successful Completion in Education Leadership
- Post-Masters Certificate of Advanced Study in Education Leadership
- Post-Doctorate Certificate of Completion: Family Nurse Practitioner

D. SCHEDULING OF GRADUATE COURSES

Many of SU's graduate students are pursuing degrees while working or returning to school after a significant break in their education, and SU strives to provide course scheduling flexibility to meet the needs of its diverse graduate student population. Graduate programs consist mainly of courses meeting once per week throughout the semester in either late afternoon or evening sessions of approximately three hours each. A limited number of courses open to both graduate students and advanced undergraduates are available in the regular daytime program as well as several online options. In addition, graduate study is available during the University's summer sessions and winter term.