



The College of Education Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership (ASTL)



**Classroom Teachers:
University of Central Arkansas
has the Graduate Program for
YOU! (possible tuition incentives)**

The Teaching and Learning Department is proud to offer the ASTL graduate degree program which is:

- Designed to enhance and expand existing knowledge, skills, and dispositions of candidates while fostering the development of competencies expected of advanced educators.
- Developed to assist professional educators advance their efficacy as highly skilled, articulate, and reflective practitioners.
- A 30-hour graduate degree program with four tracks:
 - Early Childhood
 - Middle Level
 - Instructional Facilitator
 - Content Emphasis
- Packaged as 15-hour required core plus 15 hours of courses in the selected specialty track.
- Aligned to prepare ASTL graduates with opportunities to demonstrate knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to and beneficial for:
 - Responding positively to classroom practices that enhance student learning.
 - Critically analyzing classroom practices and appropriately responding to the findings.
 - Articulating the rationale for decisions regarding professional practice, classroom instruction, and classroom/school policies and procedures.
 - Making informed decisions by reflecting on experiences both past and present to improve teaching practices that enhance student learning.
 - Becoming change leaders for the improvement of their schools.



For more information, please contact:

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The curriculum of the 30-hour graduate program provides assistance toward National Board Certification and addresses the knowledge, skills, and dispositions expected of an advanced educator through the completion of the following core courses and specialty areas:

Core Courses (15 credit hours)

- Models of Teaching
- Classroom Assessment
- Investigation of Learning & Development
- Research Methods

ASTL 6303 Teacher Leadership

Specialty Area (15 additional hours)

Early Childhood Track P-4 (5th/6th endorsement)	Middle Level Track (5th/6th endorsement)	Instructional Facilitator Track (endorsement)	Content Track (Subject, National Board or ESL endorsement)
<p>P-4 license required ECSE 6374 Curriculum Rationale for ECE ECSE 6338 Advanced Instruction & Assessment Strategies for Young Children ECSE 6336 Advanced Studies in Guidance and Mgmt of Young Children ECSE 6366 Educational Programming for Mild Disabilities ASTL 5302 Teaching in Middle Schools</p> <p>**Program requirements include courses needed to add 5 & 6 endorsement to P-4.</p>	<p>ASTL 6385 Curriculum Development ASTL 6310 Integrating Media and Technology into Teaching and Learning ASTL 5302 Teaching in Middle Schools ECSE 6366 Educational Programming for Mild Disabilities</p> <p>Choose 1 from below: ASTL 6325 National Board: Processes, Procedures, and Products ASTL 6330 Methods of Action Research and Collaboration ASTL 7320 Internship in Curriculum and Instruction Approved Subject Area Graduate Courses</p>	<p>ECSE 6329 Instructional Facilitation/Teacher Leadership ECSE 6350 Collaborative Teaching, Inclusive Settings, and Introduction to Strategic Instructional Model Learning Strategies SMLA 6310 Foundations of School Leadership SMLA 6312 School-Based Organizational Leadership ECSE 6328 Strategic Instructional Model/Content Enhancement Routines</p> <p>**Program requirements include courses needed for instructional facilitator endorsement.</p>	<p>Approved Subject Area Graduate Courses to Equal 15 hours OR Other Electives: ASTL 6325 National Board: Processes, Procedures, and Products ASTL 6330 Methods of Action Research and Collaboration ASTL 7320 Internship in Curriculum and Instruction ASTL 6310 Integrating Media and Technology into Teaching OR English as a Second Language: ASTL 5340 Cultural Diversity WLAN 5315, 5325, 5330</p>

ASTL Admission Requirements

For admission to the UCA ASTL degree program, candidates must:

- Hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Submit transcripts for undergraduate and graduate coursework from all institutions attended.
- Submit a minimum undergraduate GPA of a 2.70.
- Complete UCA's graduate school application with fee and qualify for graduate admission.
- Present general test scores for the Graduate Record Examination before you can be admitted with full qualifications. Graduate Admission policy states this exam must be completed during the first semester of graduate study. You will not be eligible for any type of financial aid including graduate assistantship until these scores are received.
- Submit current teaching license upon program enrollment.

ASTL Program Completion Requirements

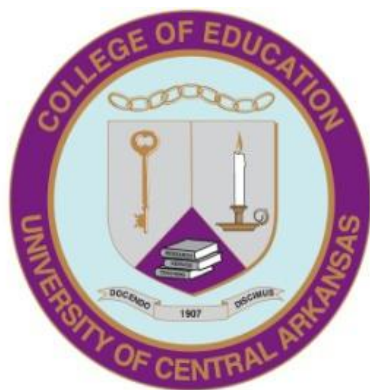
Education graduate students must successfully complete the following program requirements to earn the Master of Science in Education in Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership:

- The ASTL program of study with a minimum of 3.0 GPA
- The ASTL program key assessments
- The ASTL portfolio process
- A minimum of two-years full-time teaching experience

The ASTL Program, a cross-disciplinary program offered within UCA's College of Education Department of Teaching and Learning, is an opportunity to become highly skilled, articulate teachers who serve as leaders in their school. The program rests on the assumption that accomplished educators engage in reflective decision-making as they assess and extend their own professional practice. We believe in the notion of community while offering both traditional and online classes.

Why not join a group of dedicated educators on their journey to pursue knowledge and gain additional certification—even National Board prominence—while also advancing along your career pay scale?

If you've been thinking about graduate school, then check us out. We are confident that you will be pleased with what you find.



I cannot speak highly enough about the Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership (ASTL) program at the University of Central Arkansas. The program enriched my teaching abilities, and gave me the confidence needed to be an effective 21st century educator. Through the program I learned different models of teaching and how to truly reflect on my own personal practices. After completing the ASTL program I began the process of becoming a National Board Certified Teacher. The ASTL exit portfolio successfully prepared me for the National Board portfolio. Each domain of the ASTL program is closely related to the five core propositions of National Boards. I truly believe the ASTL program was a key factor in my success of the National Board process.

Becky Baum, National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT)

Sheree Crites was recently honored by the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) with the world's most prestigious distance learning award presented for excellence in distance learning. Upon winning the award, Crites said, "I also believe it is no coincidence I am about to graduate from the University of Central Arkansas' Education program with a Master of Science in Education - ASTL. The program is full of content that has allowed me to improve the quality of my teaching, assessing, reflecting, and curriculum development in the last few years.

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