Process to Apply to the Curriculum & Instruction Doctoral Program

1. Complete the **application** for admission and pay the application **fee** ($40 domestic/$150 international).

Go to [Graduate Admissions](https://www.marshall.edu/admissions/graduate/) and select **Apply Now**. Applicants to the **Curriculum & Instruction, Ed.D.** (Code: GEKO) may select to **Apply as Graduate Student** OR **Apply as Distance-Only Graduate Student**. The latter is required to qualify for distance learning tuition. The doctoral program in Curriculum & Instruction is based on Marshall University’s South Charleston Campus. Review [Admissions Application Disclosures](http://www.marshall.edu/admissions/admissions-application-disclosures/).

1. Submit college entrance **exam scores** for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT).

If you have not taken a graduate college entrance exam (GRE or MAT), or it has been more than 5 years since you took the exam, you will need to take it. You must score in at least the 30th percentile (for the GRE we consider an average of percentiles from the Verbal and Quantitative sections). Links to more information about the GRE and MAT are provided [here](http://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admission-test-information/). The GRE or MAT requirement may be waived for applicants who submit transcripts documenting an earned doctorate from an accredited institution.

1. Request **official transcripts** from your undergraduate and graduate institutions.

Official transcripts must be sent directly from your undergraduate and graduate institutions to Kathryn Sturm in the admissions office at Marshall University (please use the address below). If you are a graduate of Marshall University, your Marshall transcripts will be on file.

Kathryn Sturm

Admissions, MU Graduate College

100 Angus E. Peyton Drive

South Charleston, WV 25303

You may also have transcripts sent electronically to [services@marshall.edu](mailto:services@marshall.edu).

1. Write a **goal statement** and submit to the coordinator of the Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction.

Submit your goal statement as an emailed attachment to Dr. Lisa Heaton ([heaton@marshall.edu](mailto:heaton@marshall.edu)).

Your goal statement should be written as an essay (500-750 words) addressing the following topics:

* professional experiences that provide a basis for the applicant’s contributions to the program;
* role of the Ed.D. in the applicant’s professional growth plan;
* personal strengths that will contribute to the applicant’s success in the Ed.D. program; and
* further information the applicant deems relevant to the admissions process and decision.

1. Submit your **resume or curriculum vita** to the coordinator of the Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction (Dr. Lisa Heaton – [heaton@marshall.edu](mailto:heaton@marshall.edu)).
2. Participate in an **interview** with faculty.

Eligible applicants will be invited to participate in a virtual interview with program faculty. After the interview, the faculty will make the admissions decision.

1. Visit our [doctoral website](http://www.marshall.edu/ciedd) for additional information.