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PD Option. If you simply want 30 or 60 contact hours of HQPD to satisfy ODE new Rule requirements, we offer two choices:

PD Option 1. Fully Online Professional Development through AU's Founders College of Continuing Education program *Gifted Education for the General Education Teacher*. These are two 2-credit hour courses "Gifted and the General Education Teacher I" and "Gifted and the General Education Teacher II" offered completely online over 7 weeks, or a full year self-paced series of 2 courses, face-to face or hybrid. These are also offered over the summer or can be presented with your district or through an ESC. Tuition reduction is available for cohorts of 10 or more.

For teachers interested in continuing on toward a Gifted Intervention Specialist (GIS) Endorsement, completion of both Professional Development Modules can substitute for EDIS 650 "Nature and Needs of the Talented."

PD Option 2. Hybrid Graduate Coursework toward GIS Endorsement. Completion of EDIS 650, *Nature and Needs of the Talented* satisfies 45 contact hours of HQPD in the competencies outlined by ODE.

Teachers may wish to continue on toward GIS Endorsement with five more graduate courses in Talent Development.

Endorsement Option. If you are interested in a Gifted Intervention Specialist Endorsement, Hybrid Graduate Coursework is offered at Ashland University campuses and as a cohort in your district. The course sequence is:

EDIS 650 - Nature and Needs of the Talented

EDIS 651 - Curriculum Development for Education of the Talented

EDIS 652 - Development and Supervision of Programs for the Talented

EDIS 653 - Guidance and Counseling for the Talented

EDIS 654 - Creativity Studies for Teachers of the Talented

EDIS 796 - Field Practicum for Talent Development

Masters in Education (M.Ed.) Option. If you are interested in pursuing a graduate degree, we offer Hybrid, Face-to-Face and Online Coursework toward M.Ed. in Talent Development. After the foundational 18 credits for the Endorsement Option, you would continue with a 3 hour course in each of the four core areas: Curriculum Foundations, Social and Historical Foundations, Inquiry and Diversity. An APA Seminar, Elective Course and Capstone Experience round out the M.Ed coursework.

What are the advantages of Ashland University's Program?

- We still believe that the foundation of teaching is in personal connections - with one another and with the material. That's why our endorsement and M.Ed. programs have not gone fully online.
- We know that your time is valuable. Our hybrid courses have no more than 6 face to face classes in a 12 week session.
- Face to face sessions are engaging and collaborative, supporting teachers with strong discourse and experiential learning.
- On-site cohorts of 8 or more are available in your district, building or site to build capacity, collaboration and leadership.
- 10% tuition reduction for cohorts of 10 or more; further reduction for cohorts of increasing size.
- Flexible scheduling is available to cohorts.
- Summer fast-track coursework available at cohort request.
- Our program is rigorous and applicable. We have a strong foundation in seminal research as well as ongoing interaction with new developments in the field.
 - We focus on practical applications and job-embedded learning.
 - Our updated curriculum includes:
 - Integration of ODE competencies;
 - Increased integration of technology;
 - Differentiated curriculum and product choices;
 - Collaborative and independent work within each course;
 - Growth tracking via district and graduate student data points;



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Our rich history: Ashland University's Talent Development program has been a state and national leader in Gifted Education for over 30 years. As we move into a new generation our program is updating to include a wider variety of course formats, new technologies, increased focus on collaboration and course activities and assignments that are practical, job embedded and differentiated to meet specific needs of teacher learners and the districts they serve. Professional development is available in various formats. Graduate coursework is available at our satellite sites and main campus. We also offer graduate coursework in a cohort at your site with reduced tuition that can build capacity and leadership within your district.

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