

## **MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (MPS) INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN**

### **FOUNDATIONS OF INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN CERTIFICATE (FIND)**

### **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN (PIND)**

The Master of Professional Studies (MPS) in Instructional Design, a fully online and application-oriented degree, will prepare students to become generalist instructional designers who are equipped to work in a variety of fields and professional settings, including education and business environments. The program provides a breadth of foundational knowledge and skills preparing instructional designers to work with technical specialists as well as subject matter experts and allowing them to develop more specialized interests as they grow in their profession.

#### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

The MPS in Instructional Design requires, 10 courses, 30 credit hours. Full-time students will start the MPS in Fall I (August) and take 2 courses each 8-week session (except for summer and their last semester when they will take one course) completing the MPS in 1.5 academic years. Part-time students will also start in Fall I (August) and can complete the MPS in 2.5 years.

Courses are offered in 8-week sessions in a fully online format with evening synchronous meetings.

#### **PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the MPS in Instructional Design you will be able to:

- Utilize instructional design processes and appropriate theoretical approaches to design effective and innovative learning experiences.
- Employ a variety of technologies and multimedia authoring tools to produce instructional materials.
- Adapt instructional design processes to a variety of professional settings (K-12 schools, corporate organizations, higher education institutions, etc.)
- Manage the iterative lifecycle of instructional design projects progressing from conception to implementation to revision.
- Apply culturally responsive and ethical practices that engage diverse communities and promote social justice.
- Conduct research designed to inform practice and stay abreast of emerging trends in the field of instructional design.
- Build collaborative relationships with diverse stakeholders (e.g., administrators, faculty, students, technologists, and project managers, public) in support of meeting organizational needs.

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

### FOUNDATIONS OF INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN (FIND)

This graduate professional certificate provides foundational knowledge and skills in instructional design for educational and organizational professionals seeking to enhance their current positions. This supplementary training will have relevance to a variety of professionals who need knowledge and skill with instructional design. Students can be admitted and complete each of the instructional design certificates individually. Courses completed toward the certificate can then be applied toward the MPS in Instructional Design if students decide to complete the graduate degree after completing one or more of the certificates.

### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN (PIND)

This graduate certificate provides a strong foundation in instructional design and needed perspective for flexible career paths and continuing professional development in the field. It will prepare students to become generalist instructional designers who are equipped to work in a variety of fields and professional settings, including both education and business environments. It provides a breadth of foundational knowledge and skills in different areas, rather than a focus on a narrower area of specialization within the field. It will prepare instructional designers to work with technical specialists and subject matter experts, allowing them to develop more specialized interests as they grow in their profession.

## FACULTY

Loyola's Instructional Design faculty are committed to giving time and attention to every student, inside and outside the classroom. Our full- and part-time instructors are practicing professionals with advanced academic degrees who infuse the curriculum with fresh perspectives from their experience to enhance your learning experience.

## FINANCIAL AID

Depending upon whether they meet all eligibility requirements, financial aid in the form of Stafford Loans and/or Graduate Plus Loans may be available to students in the MPS in Instructional Design program.

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Loyola offers a Returning Ramblers Scholarship to eligible alumni pursuing their first graduate program within 10 years of completing their undergraduate degree at Loyola. This scholarship will cover 25% of the tuition rate. Learn more at [LUC.edu/gpem/admission/returningrambler/](https://LUC.edu/gpem/admission/returningrambler/).

## APPLICATION & ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher and in good academic standing at all prior institutions
- One letter of recommendation. A second letter is recommended for students with a GPA under 2.5.
- Personal statement

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[gpem.LUC.edu/apply](https://gpem.LUC.edu/apply)

CONTACT INFORMATION

*For all application requirements and deadlines, please visit*

[LUC.edu/gpem/info](https://LUC.edu/gpem/info).

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