

# 4 REASONS IT'S THE RIGHT TIME TO GET YOUR MEd

Ready to boost your classroom skills with a master's degree in education? An online program could be the perfect fit—here's why.

**You can do it on your own time.** Online, competency-based learning models let you progress through your master's courses at a pace that's right for you. That means the program measures learning, not class time. You can continue teaching and do your master's degree coursework on weekends from your couch, at night after your kids go to bed—or whenever!

**You'll gain fresh teaching ideas.** Working on your professional development is definitely good for your career. But it's also a huge benefit for your current students, since you'll be excited to bring the skills and techniques you're learning in your master's program straight to your classroom.

**It's collaborative.** Even though you're not in a physical classroom, you won't be alone. At Western Governors University, you'll get to know faculty through mentorship and instruction, work with other students, and stay connected.

**It's super affordable.** As a nonprofit university, WGU believes that advanced degree programs shouldn't break the bank. Each six-month term costs \$3,190\*, and you can complete as many courses as you'd like during that time period.



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**I decided to go back to school** after I landed my dream job as an instructional special

education coach for a school district. **I had been teaching and coaching for 21 years, but I wanted to feel more confident in this new role.**

I chose WGU's program because I had supervised a student teacher from WGU who was brilliantly prepared—I was impressed. Also, I liked that **it was so affordable and convenient for my schedule.** Because I was in charge of how quickly I progressed, I was motivated to persevere.

Each class allowed me to **tailor my assignments to my current job**, making every class relevant. I never once felt alone—I **was given a great mentor** who called me weekly, and my professors were very accessible.

Getting my MEd was **the best thing I've ever done for myself** professionally.

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