



## Considerations:

- 'Credential with M.A.'
- 'Credential-Only'

### **The following LMU program applicants are eligible to pursue a credential without an M.A.**

- All CAST – Los Angeles and Northern California and other private school teachers.
- All Interns (+Residents) pathway (*including, but not limited to, Avance Consortium Group, Adelante/Green Dot, KIPP, Seneca, Teach For America, Wonderful*)
- All pathways for Education Specialist in Mild to Moderate Support Needs Credential
- Administrative Services Credential and Certificate in Catholic School Administration

### **Considerations:**

- The Master of Arts degree provides you the opportunity to deepen your knowledge and skills in the field, and, for transformative education, a specialized area of concentration.
- A master's degree qualifies candidates for higher salary scale steps at most schools and districts.
- A master's degree frequently provides more leadership opportunities within organizations.
- Aspiring doctoral degree candidates are frequently required to hold a master's degree.
- Credential coursework completes a large portion of the work for the M.A. degree already.
  - The M.A. in Transformative Education is 16 additional units beyond the elementary/secondary credential coursework and includes a concentration area.
  - The M.A. in Special Education is 12 additional units beyond the Education Specialist credential coursework.
  - The M.A. in School Administration is 14 additional units beyond the Administrative Services Credential.
- Candidates have five years to complete the M.A. and those that select credential-only will need to reapply should they choose to continue beyond the credential to complete the M.A.
- Federal loan limits vary by certification goal – credential-only or MA/credential. Partnership program scholarships may also vary by certification goal. Please review these very important financial considerations with your partnership program specialist. Candidates are responsible for exploring financial stipulations for their individual situation affected by their program selection.

### **Questions?**

Please email your partnership program specialist or our admission counselors at [soeinfo@lmu.edu](mailto:soeinfo@lmu.edu) for further assistance.

### ***Please note the following are combined LMU M.A. with credential programs.***

- PLACE Corps Program
- Student Teaching Field Experience Applicants for elementary or secondary education