

Dear K-12 Administrator:

We are excited a teacher from your school is considering a new master's degree program from Arizona State, the Master of Advanced Study in Geographic Education. This professional master's degree provides elementary certified teachers the option of advanced training in geography, while emphasizing cross-curriculum connections. The 24 graduate credits in geography will also be important for teachers seeking to be highly qualified. The 6 credit capstone experience of this program aims to improve teacher pedagogy through understanding educational research through an applied project.

This flexible master's degree program is unusual, because we will focus on teacher needs, with assessments designed to maximize classroom applications and enhance pedagogical prowess. The MAS-GE program allows the teacher to complete courses online, never having to miss a class period for specific courses. When problems arise, we will visit your teacher. This flexible nature allows us to structure the program such that a teacher can complete the degree in less than two years—the optimal timeframe being 18 months.

A master's degree in geography education will enhance your teacher's ability to teach this mix of social studies and science, but this program will also provide techniques for geography's integration into other subjects. Since Geography is inherently interdisciplinary, as exemplified by the award winning GeoMath and GeoLiteracyELL projects, course assessments will contain aspects of other subjects. The assessment rubric for each course is designed to enhance current curricula, lesson plans, and best practices in teaching. After each course, teachers will be able to add not only innovational pedagogical strategies to their classrooms.

It is our goal to create a program developing highly qualified teachers through a valuable, supportive, time conscious, and budget friendly program that enhances individual teaching styles while promoting camaraderie among educators. If you have any questions, please contact us. We appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

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