# ART EDUCATION (MED)

## Program Overview

The M.Ed. program in art education provides candidates the opportunity to further their knowledge through investigation and research of current issues, concepts and curriculum and to pursue their creative work in the studios as well as advanced studies in art history. This degree is for teachers with a clear renewable teaching certification.

Students admitted as candidates for the Master of Education degree must satisfactorily complete a planned program of study and a minimum of 36 semester credit hours. At least 18 of these hours must be in courses numbered 6000 or above. A graduate student's program, planned cooperatively with an advisor from the College of Education and Health Professions, will emphasize development both in the teaching field and in professional studies. Specific questions concerning Georgia Professional Standards Commission requirements for teacher certification should be directed to the COEHP Office of Student Advising and Field Experiences, or to the department that offers the student's area of study.

Teachers holding a teaching certificate or Certificate of Eligibility may pursue advanced professional and pedagogical studies by enrolling in a Master of Education (MEd) degree program. The MEd programs are designed to increase the candidate's expertise in the selected program of study. All advanced education programs are based on the principles identified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). At the conclusion of each program of study, the candidate demonstrates expertise through the successful completion of carefully designed exit requirements. These may include a written comprehensive examination, a completed research project, or other related exit requirements.

Educator Preparation at Columbus State University is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. The CSU Department of Art is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

## Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of the M.Ed. program, the candidate may apply to upgrade teacher certification to the T-5 level.