TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY **Sample Plan**

Gifted Education (MA)

*The Gifted Education (MA) program offers **fall, spring, and summer entry terms**. A total of **30 credit hours** is required to graduate from the program. All students are required to complete **ED 619G: Teaching Internship-Gifted Education**. This plan was made under the assumption that a student is beginning coursework in the **Summer semester and plans to pursue courses full-time**.*

While the below sample plans provides an approximate timeline to graduation, each accepted student should work with the Gifted Education Program Director, Jeanne Harding (jharding@truman.edu), to develop a personalized academic plan.

SUMMER - Semester 1

Summer Session 1:
- ED 550G: Introduction to Gifted and Talented (3 cr)
- ED 652G: Meeting the Affective Needs of Gifted (3 cr)

Summer Session 2:
- ED 650G: Identification of Gifted (3 cr)
- ED 653G: Programming Planning and Development - Administration and Supervision of Gifted Programs (3 cr)

FALL - Semester 2

1st Block:
- ED 651G: Curriculum for Gifted (3 cr)

2nd Block:
- ED 604G: Professional Learning - Policy, Practice, and Research (3 cr)

SPRING - Semester 3

Full Semester:
- ED 619G: Teaching Internship - Gifted Education (3 cr)
- ED 633G: Research in Gifted Education (3 cr)*

SUMMER - Semester 4

Summer Session 1:
- ED 626G: Creativity (3 cr)
- ED 605G: Psychology of Exceptional Children (3 cr)*

NOTES:

- 1st and 2nd Block courses are 8-weeks. Full-semester courses are 16-weeks.
- (*) — Course may be transferred from a previously-earned degree, such as initial teacher certification.

Graduate Program Director: Please contact the Center for Academic Excellence (advise@truman.edu) with any updates to the plan above. Updated 2-20-2026