



**Acacia
University**
ARIZONA

ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

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PROGRAM ENROLLED

Master of Arts in Elementary Education

TUITION

Total cost for the **Master of Arts in Elementary Education** or degree programs:

Program Start Date	
Program Length:	36 credit hours
Tuition:	\$8100.00 (225 per credit hour)
Application Fee	\$75 (non-refundable)
Graduation Fee	\$100
Book for EDC610-1/EDC610-2	\$69.32 (Print) / \$44.99 (E-text)
Book for EDC610-2	\$69.32 (Print) / \$39.96 (E-text)
Total Program Costs	\$8,413.64 (Print) / \$8,359.95 (E-text)

Note: Textbook prices at the time of this handbook publication are listed above but **are subject to change**. Prices listed are from the publisher, however, students may purchase from any source.

TUITION PAYMENTS

Tuition must be paid in U.S. currency, by check, money order, or credit card. Tuition is to be paid in full by the end of the program. The monthly payment plan is available to all students.

If necessary, an applicant may choose the Acacia University’s interest-free monthly tuition payment plan. Thirty-six (36) credit hours are required for completion of your master’s degree. The example payment plan below is based on 36 credit hours and taking two courses per semester. The acceptance of transfer credit will reduce the total cost of tuition and the number of monthly payments.

Upon Acceptance and payment of a \$75 Application Fee an example of the 36-credit hour master’s programs payment schedule would be:

\$8,100.00 tuition and payment term of 18 months = \$450.00 per month.

Payments shall be accelerated if a student intends to graduate prior to completion of the payment schedule.

Truth-In-Lending Disclosure Statement			
Annual Percentage Rate	Finance Charge	Amount Financed	Total of Payments
0%	\$0.00	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00

VETERANS BENEFITS AND TRANSITION ACT COMPLIANCE

Section 103 of Public Law (PL) 115-407, ‘Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018,’ amends Title 38 US Code 3679 by adding a new subsection (e) that requires disapproval of courses of education at any educational institution that does not have a

policy in place that will allow an individual to attend or participate in a course of education, pending VA payment, providing the individual submits a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33.

A Covered Individual is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits.

Acacia University permits any covered individual to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to the educational institution a certificate of eligibility (COE) for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 31 or 33 (a “certificate of eligibility” can also include a “Statement of Benefits” obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) website e-Benefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

1. The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution.
2. 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

Acacia University will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional resources, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual’s inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

CANCELLATION, WITHDRAWAL, AND REFUND POLICY

Denial of Admission

An applicant denied admission by the school is entitled to a refund of all monies paid.

Five-Day Cancellation

An applicant who provides notice of cancellation in any manner, within five days (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and federal and state holidays) of signing an enrollment agreement is entitled to a refund of all monies paid. No later than 30 days after receiving the notice of cancellation, the school shall provide the 100% refund.

Other Cancellations

An applicant requesting cancellation in any manner, more than five days after signing an enrollment agreement and making an initial payment, but prior to entering the school, is entitled to a refund of all monies paid minus the application fee of \$75.

Acacia University provides additional consideration for students that have had extenuating circumstances, such as illness, accident, death in family, being called to active military service, or other circumstances beyond the student’s control.



Withdrawal

A student may withdraw from a course by notifying the professor and contacting the Office of Student Affairs (studentaffairs@acacia.edu), in any manner, stating your request to withdraw from the course, the course number, and reason for withdrawing.

A withdrawal will be recorded as a “W” on the student’s transcript. If more than 50% of the course is completed, the student cannot withdraw and will receive the grade earned regardless of attendance from that point.

Tuition refund after the start of classes

Total tuition liability is limited to the term during which the student withdrew or was terminated, and any previous terms completed. Refunds are subject to the time-based refund schedule below:

Length of Course	Percentage of Tuition Returned to the Student Minus the Application Fee AFTER	
8 weeks	1 st Week	80%
	2 nd Week	60%
	3 rd Week	40%
	4 th Week	20%
	5 th Week	0%

Length of Course	Percentage of Tuition Returned to the Student Minus the Application Fee AFTER	
16 Weeks	1 st Week	80%
	2 nd Week	70%
	3 rd Week	60%
	4 th Week	50%
	5 th Week	40%
	6 th week	30%
	7 th week	20%
	8 th week	10%
	9 th week	0%

Sample refund calculations:

Example 1: A student who is enrolled in the fast-track EDC500 (8-Week) course, withdraws after week 2, the student will be refunded 60% of tuition, minus the application fee, and Acacia will retain 40% of tuition plus the application fee. The student will be refunded \$405.00 of the \$675.00 tuition.

Example 2: A student who is enrolled in the Fall Semester EDC530 (16-Week) course, withdraws after week 4, the student will be refunded 50% of tuition,



minus the application fee, and Acacia will retain 50% of tuition plus the application fee. The student will be refunded \$337.50 of the \$675.00 tuition.

Refunds will be issued within 30 days of the date of student notification, or date of school determination (withdrawn due to absences or other criteria as specified in the school handbook), or in the case of a student not returning from an authorized Leave of Absence (LOA), within 30 days of the date the student was scheduled to return from the LOA and did not return.

HOLDER IN DUE COURSE STATEMENT:

“Any holder of this consumer credit contract is subject to all claims and defenses which the debtor could assert against the seller of goods or services obtained pursuant hereto or with the proceeds thereof. Recovery hereunder by the debtor shall not exceed amounts paid by the debtor (FTC Rule Effective 5/14/76.)”

THE STUDENT UNDERSTANDS:

1. The School does not guarantee job placement to graduates upon program/course completion or upon graduation.
2. Completion of the Master’s degree program does not automatically confer a teaching certificate nor is it a guarantee of passing the examination and receiving a teaching certificate.
3. The School reserves the right to reschedule the program start date when the number of students scheduled is too small.
4. The School will not be responsible for any statement of policy or procedure that does not appear in the School catalog.
5. The School reserves the right to discontinue any students’ training for unsatisfactory progress, nonpayment of tuition or failure to abide by School rules.
6. Information concerning other Schools that may accept the School’s credits toward their programs can be obtained by contacting the office of the President. It should not be assumed that any programs described in the School catalog could be transferred to another institution. The School does not guarantee the transferability of credits to a college, university or institution. Any decision on the comparability, appropriateness and applicability of credits and whether they should be accepted is the decision of the receiving institution.
7. This document does not constitute a binding agreement until accepted in writing by all parties.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

While Acacia University endeavors to maintain a congenial and responsive atmosphere for its students conducive with its educational purposes, it recognizes that from time to

time, misunderstandings and disagreements may arise during the course of a student's enrollment.

In response to this situation, Acacia University has established procedures to resolve problems and ensure fair adjudication of student rights.

Informal Procedures

Initially, disagreements, complaints, misunderstandings, and grievances can be resolved by the University by using informal discussion, exchanges, persuasion, and other informal procedures. It is the intent of this policy to maximize these informal procedures so long as such measures prove effective.

The formal procedure provisions of this policy should be set in motion only when the informal procedures prove to be or manifestly will be ineffective. It is expected that the great majority of cases will continue to be handled in accordance with informal procedures.

Complaint

If a student feels that he or she has been treated unfairly or unjustly by an employee, online mentor, instructor, or professor with regard to an academic process such as grading, testing, or assignments, the student must submit a written statement of the grievance, including the allegation; all relevant names and dates, a brief description of the actions forming the basis of the complaint; and copies of any available documents or materials that support the allegations, to the Office of Student Affairs (studentaffairs@acacia.edu), who is the final authority on all academic matters.

If a student has a grievance on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, age, marital status, national origin, physical disability, veteran's status, any other basis prohibited by applicable US federal, state, or local laws or any other matter, the student must submit a written statement, including the allegation; all relevant names and dates, a brief description of the actions forming the basis of the complaint; and copies of any available documents or materials that support the allegations, to the Office of Student Affairs (studentaffairs@acacia.edu). The student's grievance will be assessed within 30 days.

If the complaint cannot be resolved after exhausting the institution's grievance procedure, the student may file a complaint with the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education. The student must contact the State Board for further details.

The State Board address is:
1740 W. Adams, Ste. 3008
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Direct Line (602) 542-5709
Fax (602) 542-1253
Website: www.azppse.gov



Students who are or were students of Acacia University and who believe that the school, or anyone representing the school, has acted unlawfully, have the right to file a complaint with the accrediting commission:

Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC)
1101 17th Street NW, Suite 808
Washington, DC 20036
Website: www.deac.org

DEAC has an “Online Complaint System” that enables individuals to file a complaint directly from the DEAC website. The complaint form may be found at www.deac.org (select “Contact Us” and select the link in the left-hand column). All complaints should be submitted using this form. For those who cannot access the Internet, written complaints will be accepted provided they include the complainant’s name and contact information and a release from the complainant(s) authorizing the Commission to forward a copy of the complaint, including identification of the complainant(s) to the institution. Where circumstances warrant, the complainant may remain anonymous to the institution, but all identifying information must be given to DEAC.

Written complaints must contain the following: the basis of any allegation of noncompliance with DEAC standards and policies; all relevant names and dates and a brief description of the actions forming the basis of the complaint; copies of any available documents or materials that support the allegations; a release authorizing the Commission to forward a copy of the complaint, including identification of the complaint(s) to the institution. In cases of anonymous complaints or where the complainant requests for his/her name to be kept confidential, the Commission considers how to proceed and whether the anonymous complaint sets forth reasonable and credible information that an institution may be in violation of the Commission’s standards and whether the complainant’s identity is not necessary to investigate.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1. I hereby acknowledge receipt of the School’s handbook dated _____ which contains information describing programs offered, and equipment/supplies provided. The School’s _____ handbook is included as a part of this enrollment agreement, and I acknowledge that I have received a copy of this catalog.

_____ Student initials

2. Also, I have carefully read and received an exact copy of this enrollment agreement.

_____ Student initials

3. I understand that the School may terminate my enrollment if I fail to comply with attendance, academic and financial requirement or if I disrupt the normal activities of the School. While enrolled in the School. I understand that I must maintain



Satisfactory Academic Progress as described in the School catalog and that my financial obligation to the School must be paid in full before a certificate may be awarded.

_____ Student initials

- 4. I also understand that this institution does not guarantee job placement to graduates upon program/course completion or upon graduation.

_____ Student initials

STUDENT CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE

I, the undersigned, have read and understand this agreement and acknowledge receipt of a copy. It is further understood and agreed that this agreement supersedes all prior or contemporaneous verbal or written agreements and may not be modified without the written agreement of the student and the School Official. I also understand that if I default upon this agreement I will be responsible for payment of any collection fees or attorney fees incurred by Acacia University.

My signature below signifies that I have read and understand all aspects of this agreement and do recognize my legal responsibilities in regard to this contract.

Signed this day _____
Contract valid for 48 months from this date.

Signature of Student

ACACIA UNIVERSITY CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE

Representative's certification:

I hereby certify that all the admissions records, documents and transcripts for _____ have been reviewed by me and in my judgment, he/she meets all requirements for acceptance as a student. I further certify that there have been no verbal or written agreements or promises other than those appearing on this agreement.

Registrar
Acacia University