Enhance instruction and learning at schools and colleges through effective instruction design and the use of technology.

K-12 schools and colleges need to smartly integrate technology into instruction to ensure effective learning. By earning a master’s degree in instructional design and technology from the University of North Dakota, you’ll be prepared to assist instructors in designing instruction and integrating technology into their instruction to enhance student learning.

Program Snapshot

- Program type: Master's Degree
- Format: On-campus or online
- Est. time to complete: 2+ years
- Credit hours: 34

Why Earn a M.Ed. in Instructional Design Technology (IDT) at UND?

In addition to core requirements, you'll take courses in education or psychology, scholarly tools/research, electives and an area of emphasis.

The K-12 track complies with the International Society for Technology in Education standards for technology facilitators, the most widely accepted standards for technology integration in K-12 education, unique in North Dakota.

Benefit from the expertise of a diverse faculty that includes leaders in the field, including an expert in the use of digital games for the classroom and the coauthor of a leading textbook.

A scholarly project is required that addresses a practical problem or theoretical construct.

We offer a personal online experience with live evening classes (held to a 15-student maximum) and support services such as online tutoring, library and tech support.

Top Online Graduate IDT Degree in the Nation

Compare our cost to other IDT graduate programs. You'll see why UND ranks among the best for educational quality, affordability and career outcomes. Those earning their master's in IDT online will pay the same tuition as a North Dakota resident. We're also known as a military friendly university.

#21 - U.S. News & World Report Best online graduate education program for veterans

Application Deadlines

- FALL: AUG 1
- SPRING: DEC 1
- SUMMER: MAY 1

Instructional Design Tech Overview

- Our program is ranked in the Top 25 Best Online Master in Educational Technology Degree Programs by thebestschools.org.
An internship is a culminating experience in which the student will work in a real world instructional design project.

- Learn with a process that is part science and part art to develop effective instruction.
- Design and develop computer-based instruction, multimedia, web-based instruction, video-based instruction, simulations and games.
- Synchronous live classes via video conference give online students an on-campus classroom experience.
- Small classes enable the instructor to give students personal attention.

IDT Careers in Education

10%  Projected job growth for instructional coordinators through 2026.* The growth reflects the need to meet new educational standards, train teachers and employees and develop new materials.

100%  Job placement rate for UND graduates, with every student finding a job in the field one to three months after graduation. Starting salaries are between $35,000 and $60,000.

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Many of our students found jobs or were promoted from the current position before graduation. In K-12 education, you may work as a:

- Technology facilitator — Design learning environments that make intelligent use of technology and solve problems in the classroom.
- Professional development trainer — Develop and deliver training for teachers at a school, or at the district, state or national levels.
- Curriculum designer — Focus exclusively on the design of large-scale curricula at all levels of the education system.

In higher education, you may work as an:

- Instructional designer or educational technology specialist — Develop online courses and other class/training materials, or
- Work with faculty to develop technology-assisted learning, including online education and multimedia development labs.

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