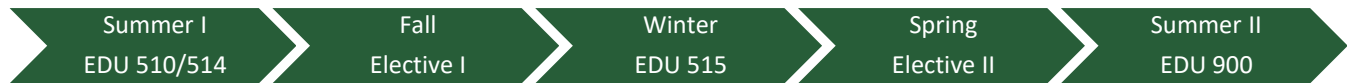


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### Tentative Schedule – General Cohort\*\*



### Courses to Complete the M.Ed.

#### **EDU 510 Fundamentals of Educational Research**

Students learn how to understand and apply educational research to educational problems. Specific focus on conceptualizing methods of educational research to specific and individual educational sites and issues.

#### **EDU 514 Planning for Educational Change**

Students learn how educational research can enhance educational change toward school improvement and focus on the creation of a site-based research proposal, which utilizes appropriate research methods.

#### **EDU 515 Conducting Educational Research**

Students complete a supervised research assignment specific to their educational context. They will develop and apply knowledge and skills related to data collection, data analysis techniques and research report presentation.

#### **EDU 900 Program Synthesis**

A reflection and synthesis of learning from the Master of Education in Educational Studies in relation to the concepts of school/educational improvement that are the foundations of the program.

### Plus two graduate-level electives

*Note: Electives must be taken prior to taking EDU 900, unless permission has been received from the department for an altered course of study. Professional Learning offers a variety of electives; check the [website](#) for current offerings, or contact us to determine if the elective you want to take is approved for the program. Once you are admitted to a graduate program, you can no longer take courses through Open Studies until after you graduate.*

#### Other Laddering Options

- Students in the GCES in Science Education, Technology in Education, or Mathematics Education may prefer to ladder into the [MES STEM Cohort](#).
- Students in the GCES in Structured Literacy and Reading Science may prefer to ladder into the [MES SLRS Cohort](#).
- Alternatively, any GCES can ladder into the M.Ed. in Elementary Education, Curriculum and Pedagogy, or Secondary Education - contact Dr. William Dunn ([wdunn@ualberta.ca](mailto:wdunn@ualberta.ca)). Online and on-campus options available.

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