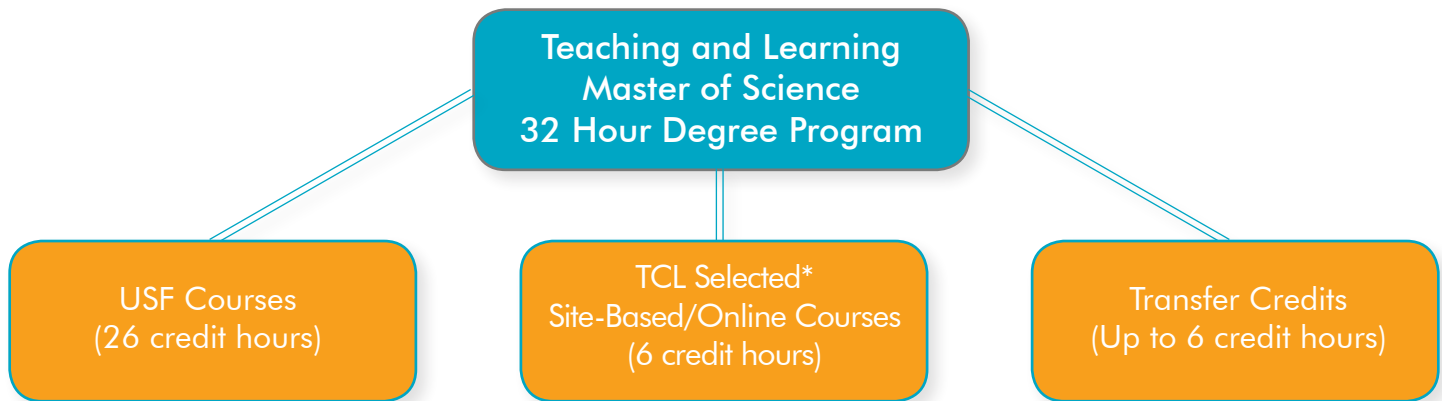


# The Connecting Link and University of St. Francis Have Partnered to Offer a Master of Science Degree in Teaching and Learning Across the Country!

Earn your Master of Science degree in Teaching and Learning for  
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## Interested in earning your Master of Science degree?

The University of St. Francis will accept 6 hours of selected TCL course work to be included in their 32-credit-hour Master of Science degree program.

Multiple combinations are available to meet individual needs:

- » Varied delivery options are now available.
- » Teachers can apply to the USF's Master of Science degree program before or after taking any number of approved TCL courses.
- » Course work can be completed in as little as 18 months.
- » There are no GRE or summer residency requirements for the degree program.
- » Candidates are provided personalized attention through the master's program while working with an Academic Advisor.
- » By selecting this Teaching and Learning degree option, the cost of tuition is significantly reduced because of the partnership between USF and TCL.
- » Financial aid is available for 14-17 credit hours of USF courses once a participant is accepted and enrolled in the master's degree program.
- » Instructors of the TCL and USF courses are highly qualified and considered experts in their fields.
- » The University of St. Francis is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

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# The Connecting Link and University of St. Francis Master's Degree Program Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. I have taken TCL courses in the past. Will these hours count toward the Teaching and Learning degree?**

A. Decisions regarding the transfer of previous course work into the degree are made at the discretion of the dean.

**Q. I am taking one of the new Summer 2012 offerings, but I am not enrolled through the university of St. Francis. Will these hours count toward a degree?**

A. The University of St. Francis will accept up to 6 transfer hours from another institution into the Teaching and Learning master's degree.

**Q. I have taken other graduate level courses outside of TCL classes; can those hours also be transferred into the USF Teaching and Learning Master's degree program?**

A. USF provides an opportunity to petition to transfer credit from another institution. A transcript and syllabus review are required, and decisions are made on an individual basis.

**Q. I am just starting TCL courses, and I am not sure if I will pursue the master's degree option. What should I do now to ensure success if I want to pursue this path at a later date?**

A. The most important decision is to select USF as your graduate-credit provider when enrolling in TCL course work. USF credit for TCL classes can be applied up to 8 years later if you decide to apply to the Teaching and Learning program in the future. Visit [www.connectinglink.com/masters](http://www.connectinglink.com/masters) to view listing of approved courses.

**Q. I am taking TCL courses in another state which does not provide options for the master's degree. Is there a way I can complete a master's program through USF?**

A. USF provides core courses through an online delivery option. Therefore, it is possible to receive a USF Teaching and Learning master's degree if you live outside Illinois.

**Q. What type of work load can I expect in this program?**

A. Both TCL and USF course work expectations are at the graduate level. All courses combine rigor with relevance by requiring readings and assignments. USF core courses require action research to be completed within an academic setting. A final capstone project is required for graduation in lieu of a master's thesis or exam.

**Q. How do I get registered for a course?**

A. If you are taking TCL courses, see course offerings and obtain registration information at [www.connectinglink.com/masters](http://www.connectinglink.com/masters). If you are interested in the USF Teaching and Learning master's degree, visit [www.stfrancis.edu/tcl](http://www.stfrancis.edu/tcl) to get more information and begin the application process. Please select Best Practices as the Teaching and Learning concentration option.

**Q. How long do I have to complete the Teaching and Learning Master of Science degree program?**

A. Educators have 8 years to complete the degree program.

**Q. I have read through all the materials and I still have questions about the program. Whom should I contact?**

A. Contact the Program Advisor, Pat Pierson at (815) -740-3201 or [pperson@stfrancis.edu](mailto:pperson@stfrancis.edu) to complete a review of your transcripts and create an Individualized Academic Plan to meet your needs.

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