Organizational Learning and Performance

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The Department of Organizational Learning and Performance offers the Master of Science in Human Resource Development and the Master of Education in Instructional Design and Technology.

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Master of Science in Human Resource Development

The Master of Science in Human Resource Development (MS HRD) in the College of Education at Idaho State University prepares organizational learning and performance professionals with high-demand management expertise in the human resource development discipline principles and practices of learning and development, performance improvement, strategic planning, and leadership. The curriculum of this 30-credit master's is delivered fully online and can be completed in 18 months. The project-based coursework and research component address workplace problems with innovative, evidence-based HRD solutions. The Master of Science in Human Resource Development is designed to strengthen the student’s understanding, knowledge, and skills in three major areas:

1. MS HRD Course Requirements
2. HRD Studies or Career and Technical Studies
3. Research Studies

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for the MS HRD are:

SLO #1: Knowledge of Core Theory in HRD
SLO #2: Comprehension of HRD Strategy and Scholarly Practice
SLO #3: Application of Critical Thinking and Analysis

Emphasized areas within the HRD discipline are:

- Human performance improvement
- Learning effectiveness
- Leadership and change
- Organizational development

Master of Education in Instructional Design & Technology

The Master of Education in Instructional Design & Technology (MEd-ID&T) prepares instructional designers and educators with the knowledge, skills, and abilities for designing, developing, implementing, and evaluating technology-based solutions to instructional problems. Graduates of the MEd-ID&T degree practice in K-12 and post-secondary education, business, industry, and performance learning environments, and may also prepare for doctoral study. Candidates in the MEd-ID&T pursue advanced study in Instructional Technology core, specialty, and field studies.

Doctor of Philosophy in Instructional Design

The Doctor of Philosophy in Instructional Design is in hiatus through 2022-23.

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Instructional Design degree prepares students to assume positions of leadership in instructional design, research, measurement, or evaluation. Graduates direct instructional design, research, measurement or evaluation projects as faculty at colleges and universities, in private or public institutions, or work as individual consultants.

While research is an integral component of the Instructional Design doctoral program, candidates are provided primarily with courses and experiences preparing them to function more effectively as leaders in guiding instruction to meet specific educational outcomes.

Career Technical Education Courses (https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/allcourses/cte/)
Organizational Learning and Performance Courses (https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/allcourses/olp/)