



**APPROVED PROGRAM OF STUDIES  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**PREREQUISITES:**

For applicants holding B-12 certification:

Courses in literacy/reading methods (at least 6 credits), An introductory course in special education (3 credits), Evidence of a minimum of 100 hours of field experience and at least 40 days of student teaching. In addition, for applicants holding 7-12 certification: Six semester hours each in Math, Science, English Language Arts and Social Studies content. For applicants with teaching certificates in other areas (e.g., art, music, physical education), additional prerequisites will be determined on an individual basis following transcript review.

**REQUIRED COURSES** (23 credits)

		<b>Full-Time</b>	<b>Part-Time *</b>
SPED 601	Characteristics of Learners with Mild/Moderate Disabilities	F _____	F1 _____
SPED 609	Field Experience I (1 credit)	F _____	F1 _____
SPED 637	Diagnosis and Assessment of Educational Disabilities	F _____	F2 _____
SPED 640	Behavior Management for the Special Educator	F _____	F2 _____
SPED 650	Collaborative Consultation with Professionals and Parents	F _____	F1 _____
SPED 638	Teaching Reading for Students with Special Needs	SP _____	SP1 _____
SPED 607	Educational Research: Critical Issues in Special Education	SP _____	SP1 _____
SPED 649	Field Experience II (1 credit)	SP _____	SP2 _____
SPED 612	Technology in Special Education	SU1 _____	SU1/2 _____

**REQUIRED STRATEGIES COURSE** (3 credits)

**CERTIFICATION: B-2**

SPED 648	Strategies for Early Childhood Special Education	SP _____	SP2 _____
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*\*May be taken as program elective for those with initial certification in childhood 1-6*

**Or**

**CERTIFICATION: 1-6**

SPED 646	Strategies for Teaching Elementary Students with Disabilities	SP _____	SP2 _____
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*\*May be taken as program elective for those with initial certification in childhood 1-6*

**Note:** Students may complete both B-2 and 1-6 certifications simultaneously

**Or**

**CERTIFICATION: 7-12**

SPED 647	Strategies for Teaching Secondary Students with Disabilities	SP _____	SP2 _____
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**ELECTIVE** (3 credits)

Each student will complete three elective credits selected from any graduate offerings which will meet individual career objectives and preparation. Elective must be selected *with prior approval of the adviser.*

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\*Part-time schedule: F1 (first fall semester), SP1 (first spring semester), F2 (second fall semester), SP2 (second spring semester)

**PRACTICUM** (6 credits)

SPED 669	Practicum in Special Education	SU/F/SP _____	SU2/F/SP _____
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Upon completion of all required courses, each student will complete a practicum experience at the level(s) of intended teaching.

**CULMINATING EXPERIENCE** (1 credit)

SPED 670	Culminating Experience	SU _____	SU2 _____
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This includes a Taskstream portfolio, including samples of work that meet the seven CEC standards and a seminar.

Comments (content core, etc. from acceptance letter):

_____ Adviser Signature	_____ Date
_____ Program Coordinator	_____ Date
_____ Student Name Printed	_____ P#
_____ Student Signature	_____ Date

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