

Special Education - Concentration in Moderate to Severe Disabilities (ESPE) (MSD)

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(M.A. Degree) Thirty-nine to Forty-two Hours Required.

The Special Education program with concentration in Moderate to Severe Disabilities (MSD) is for candidates who wish to teach students with moderate to severe disabilities. The Special Education program is offered to candidates with a bachelor's degree or certified teachers who hold a teaching certificate and wish to earn a Master's degree in Special Education.

Candidates are required to have field experiences with MSD students across the P-12 age/grade continuum.

Initial candidates must complete 70 days of student teaching with MSD students.

Candidates must submit a score for the MSD specialist Praxis before registering for ECE608/616. Candidates must pass the MSD specialty Praxis for certification.

Alternative Route (Option 6) Program: This program is designed for candidates currently teaching under temporary provisional certificates.

Department: Education

Type: Master of Arts

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| Core Courses | 27 hours |
| Field Component Course | 3-6 hours |
| Total | 30-33 |

Core Courses

| Item # | Title | Credit Hour(s) |
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| ECE542 | Using Technology to Remove Barriers for Students with Disabilities | |
| ECE565 | Typical and Atypical Development | |
| ECE600 | Introduction to Teaching Students with Moderate and Severe Disabilities | |
| ECE602 | Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Moderate and Severe Disabilities | |
| ECE604 | Teaching Individuals with Physical or Multiple Disabilities | |
| ECE606 | Transition Services for Students with Disabilities | |
| ECE610 | Supporting Challenging Behaviors | |
| ECE612 | Language Development and Literacy Instruction | |
| ECE614 | Social Skills Development and Community Access | |

Field Component Course

Select one course from the following:

| Item # | Title | Credit Hour(s) |
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| ECE608 | Field Component in MSD | |
| ECE616 | Field Component in MSD | |
| Total credits: | | 30-33 |