

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

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

Core Courses

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