



EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

M.Ed. Special Education - Online

The Master of Education degree program in Special Education is designed to develop and improve knowledge of and performance in core professional competencies related to the field of special education. All of our teacher certification programs prepare special education teachers according to the criteria established and revised by the Pennsylvania Department of Special Education. In Pennsylvania, an Instructional Certificate in Special Education indicates that an individual is qualified to teach children in grades P-8 who have disabilities (with the exceptions of hearing, visual, and speech/language impairments), i.e., learning disabilities, mental retardation, emotional/ behavioral disorders, autism, traumatic brain injury, orthopedic impairment, and other health impairments.

Special Education Program Options

There are two options available for students wishing to pursue Master of Education Degrees in Special Education.

OPTION 1 (Seeking Certification) - Individuals who hold undergraduate certification in Elementary Education (K-6, P-4 or 4-8) from an accredited institution may enroll in the M.Ed. in Special Education with certification. The courses are designed to meet all Pennsylvania Department of Education Special Education guidelines and Council for Exception Children standards. The program is 36 credits and requires a one-week residency on campus during the first summer of the program.

OPTION 2 (Currently Certified in SPED) - The Master of Education degree program for students who are currently certified in Special Education is designed to develop and improve knowledge of and performance in core professional competencies related to the field of special education. Additionally, students develop expertise in a chosen area of specialization, (mild incidence disabilities, autism, or behavior management). The program is 30 credits and requires a one-week residency on campus during the first summer of the program.

Admission Requirements: All admission materials should be sent to: School of Graduate Studies, Biggers House, 148 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA 16444 or via email gradstudies@edinboro.edu or via fax 814-732-2611.

1. Complete the online graduate application (online.edinboro.edu)
2. Application fee of \$30 (if not former EUP student), or \$7 (if former EUP student)
3. An official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
4. Undergraduate GPA of a 2.80 is required for admission. For students with a QPA below 2.80, score from the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the aptitude test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), are required.
5. Copy of valid teacher certificate

**Notes about teacher certification in Pennsylvania:*

Students pursuing certification by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) must also successfully complete *PRAXIS* exams.

Only international students who hold immigrant status, and have submitted a form of intent to become a citizen, are eligible to apply for PDE teacher certification.

Curriculum OPTION 1 - M. Ed. Special Education

Seeking Certification

Required Courses 36 sem. hrs.

SPED 710 Seminar in Exceptionalities (3)
SPED 715 Creating Inclusive Classrooms (3)
SPED 720 Advanced Assessment (3)
SPED 725 Seminar in Mild to Moderate Disabilities (3)
SPED 735 Explicit Instructional Strategies in Special Education (3)
SPED 740 Issues Effecting Individuals with Severe Disabilities (3)
SPED 745 Language and Literacy-based Instruction in Special Education (3)
SPED 750 Behavior Disorders and Positive Behavior Supports (3)
SPED 755 Collaboration, Partnerships, and IEP Development (3)
SPED 695 Graduate Field Experience in Special Education (3)
EDUC 788 Research in Education (3)
APSY 789 Research in Education II (3)

Curriculum OPTION 2 - M. Ed. in Special Education (Currently certified in Special Education)

18 Credit Core:

SPED 610 Secondary Transition (3)
SPED 628 Classroom and School-wide Behavior Management Strategies for Inclusive Settings (3)
SPED 760 Early Intervention and Working with Families (3)
SPED 765 Response to Intervention, Progress Monitoring and Data Management (3)
EDUC 788 Research in Education (3)
APSY 789 Research in Education II(3)

12 Credit Specializations (chose one area to specialize):

High Incidence

SPED 775 Instructional Techniques for Students with Mild/High Incidence Disabilities (3)
SPED 695 Graduate Field Experience in Special Education (3)
SPED 725 Seminar on Mild Disabilities (3)
SPED 750 Behavior Disorders and Positive Behavior Supports (3)

Autism

SPED 695 Graduate Field Experience in Special Education (3)
SPED770 Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)
SPED785 Applied Behavior Analysis (3)
SHLD708 Autism Spectrum Disorders and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (3)

Behavior Management

(SPED 628, SPED 765, and APSY 789 taken in core)
SPED 695 Graduate Field Experience in Special Education (3)
SPED750 Behavior Disorders and Positive Behavior Supports (3)
SPED785 Applied Behavior Analysis (3)
APSY796 Crisis Management and Violence Prevention in Schools (3)

For More Information: If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890. For questions specific to the online Master of Education in Special Education Program, contact Dr. Susan Criswell at (814) 732-2590 (scriswell@edinboro.edu) or Mrs. Jessica Albert at (814) 732-1353 (jalbert@edinboro.edu).

Financial Assistance: Additional information about other forms of financial aid is available through the Office of Financial Aid, (814) 732-5555 or toll-free (888) 611-2680.

Employer Reimbursement : Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the [employer tuition reimbursement agreement](#) is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed [employer tuition reimbursement agreement](#)