

SPECIAL EDUCATION, NON-TEACHING (MED)

Master of Education in Special Education

Unit: College of Education and Human Development (<http://louisville.edu/education/>) (GE)

Department: Special Education, Early Childhood, and Prevention Science (<https://louisville.edu/education/departments/sped/>)

Program Website (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/med-se/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): SPE_MED

Program Information

This program is not designed to lead to teacher certification.

The non-teaching master's degree in Special Education is designed to advance the knowledge and expertise of professionals who are delivering services for children and adolescents with disabilities through comprehensive-care centers, institutions, hospitals, clinics, day care centers, preschools, and community programs.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for this program include the following:

- Graduate Application to the Graduate School (<http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application/>)
- Admission to the College of Education and Human Development
- Baccalaureate degree in special education, psychology, speech language pathology, occupational therapy or social work from an accredited institution
- Professional certification/license/experience in a field related to autism/intellectual disability
- Statement of professional goals
- Two letters of recommendation
- Test of English as a Foreign Language required of all international students from countries in which English is not the native language; and
- 2.75 cumulative grade point average. (GRE – Not Required)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Inquiry (Critical Thinker)		6
EDSP 540	Introduction to Exceptional Children	
EDSP 644	Applied Behavior Analysis	
Advocacy (Professional Leader)		6
EDSP 627	Applications of Assistive Technology	
EDSP 652	Academic and Behavior Response to Intervention	
Action (Problem Solving)		3
EDSP 639	Education Research in P-12 Setting	
Midpoint Assessment		
Area of Emphasis in Special Education		15
Select at least 15 credit hours		
Minimum Total Hours		30

Midpoint Assessment: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; grade no lower than "B-" in all coursework; Target performance or better on all Hallmark

Assessment Tasks to date; scored Target or better on Rubrics for Advanced Candidates.

Exit Assessment: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, grade no lower than "B-" in all coursework; Target performance or better on all Hallmark Assessment Tasks; scored Target or better on Rubrics for Advanced Candidates; positive recommendation from the Special Education Program Committee.

Degree Candidacy: Students not enrolled during the semester in which they intend to graduate must register for degree candidacy as outlined in the Graduate Catalog (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/graduate/general-policies-procedures-requirements/>).