# Special Education, Non-Teaching (MED) Concentration in Autism Spectrum Disorders and Applied Behavior Analysis

**Master of Education in Special Education - Concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis**

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 (https://louisville.edu/education/degrees/med-se-a/)

Academic Plan Code(s): SPE_MEDAUT, SPE_MEDAUO

## Program Information

This program can be completed in a traditional classroom format or entirely online (https://louisville.edu/online/programs/masters/online-master-of-education-in-special-education-autism-spectrum-disorder-and-applied-behavior-analysis/).

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. This program is not designed to lead to teacher certification.

## Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for this program include the following:

- Complete application for admission (https://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)

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## Advocacy: (Professional Leader) 6

- EDSP 651 Professional and Ethical Practice of Applied Behavior Analysis
- EDSP 673 Research Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders

## Action (Problem Solver) 3-12

- EDSP 653 Practicum in Applied Behavior Analysis

## Midpoint Assessment

- EDSP 570 Autism: Introduction and Understanding
- EDSP 671 Behavior Intervention
- EDSP 546 Behavior Analytic Approach to Communication
- EDSP 650 Behavior Assessment

## Minimum Total Hours 30-39

Midpoint Assessment: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; grade no lower than B-minus in all coursework; completion of intervention proposal and presentation with a rating of Satisfactory; Target performance or better on all Hallmark Assessment Tasks to date; scored Target performance or better on Advanced Program rubrics.

Exit Assessment: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; grades no lower than B-minus in all coursework; completion of intervention proposal and presentation with a rating of Satisfactory; Target performance or better on all Hallmark Assessments; scored Target performance or better on Advanced Program rubrics; 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 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/graduate/general-policies-procedures-requirements/).

The Master's in Special Education Non-Teaching Concentration in Autism Spectrum Disorders and Applied Behavior Analysis program prepares students to meet the requirements for certification and/or licensure. If you plan to pursue professional licensure or certification, you should first determine your state's criteria for examination and licensure to see how/if our program meets those requirements prior to enrollment. We recommend that you also contact your state's licensing board directly to verify that the requirements have not changed recently and to answer any questions especially those regarding additional requirements beyond the degree.

More information about certification or licensure is available at the following website: https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information (https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information/) (you may search by school or by the name of the program then click on 'View Details' to display the information).

For programs with an online option, more information about certification or licensure is available here: https://louisville.edu/online/About-Us?tab=disclosures (https://louisville.edu/online/About-Us/?tab=disclosures).