

SPECIAL EDUCATION, NON-TEACHING (MED) CONCENTRATION IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Master of Education in Special Education - Concentration in Autism Spectrum Disorders and 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

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:

- 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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Code	Title	Hours
Inquiry (Critical Thinker)		9
EDSP 644	Applied Behavior Analysis	
EDSP 654	Radical Behaviorism	
EDSP 669	Single Subject Research Methods and Designs	
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 Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis	
Midpoint Assessment		
Area of Emphasis		12
EDSP 570	Autism: Introduction and Understanding	
EDSP 671	Autism: Strategies and Techniques	
EDSP 546	Behavior Analytic Approach to Communication	
EDSP 650	Advanced Applied Behavior Analysis	
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; Exemplary or Target performance on all Hallmark Assessment Tasks to date; scored Exemplary or Target performance 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; Exemplary or Target performance on all Hallmark Assessments; scored Exemplary or Target performance 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: <http://louisville.edu/online/About-Us> (<http://louisville.edu/online/About-Us/>) (please scroll down near the bottom of the page and click on the licensing disclosures tab).