SPECIAL EDUCATION, CONCENTRATION IN LEARNING BEHAVIOR DISORDERS P-12 (MAT)

Special Education, Concentration in Learning Behavior Disorders P-12 (MAT)

Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education, Concentration in Learning Behavior Disorders P-12

Unit: College of Education and Human Development (https://louisville.edu/education/) (GE)
Department: Special Education, Early Childhood and Prevention Science (http://louisville.edu/education/departments/sped/)
Program Website (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/mat-se-lbd/)
Academic Plan Code(s): SPE_MATLBD, SPE_MATLBO

Program Information
This program can be completed in a traditional classroom format or entirely online (http://louisville.edu/online/programs/masters/master-of-arts-in-teaching-in-special-education/).

The special education licensure program provides a strong foundation in general education content, special education theory and methods, and teaching experience. Extensive classroom experience allows students to develop the skills, competencies, and confidence for successful teaching, including strategies for inclusion, behavior management, social skill instruction, and modifying instruction in the general curriculum. Students also benefit from the supervision and mentorship of experienced practitioners and field supervisors. The program's special education professors are experienced practitioners who are experts in their fields as researchers, teachers, and administrators.

Admission Requirements
Candidates who meet the following criteria may be eligible to apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching program:

1. Complete graduate application (http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application/). This should be completed three to four weeks prior to the application deadline.
2. Minimum Test Scores (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/gre-mat/) as required by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board.
   Please note: when submitting test scores through ETS, use the general University of Louisville code, 1838.
3. Bachelor's Degree from Accredited College or University (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/bachelors/) with a Minimum 2.75 Grade Point Average (official transcripts (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/transcripts/) required)
4. Grade of C or better in ENGL 102 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/search/?P=ENGL%20102), or equivalent
5. Grade of C or better in oral communication course
7. Professional Writing Requirements (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/mat-mse-professional-statement/)
8. Three Letters of Recommendation (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/lor/)
9. Acceptable interview

Questions about admission should be directed to teacher@louisville.edu.

Admission is competitive. Candidates who meet minimum academic requirements are not guaranteed admission to the program.

Program Requirements

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Mid-Point Assessment

1. Methods for Students with Learning and Behavior Disorders
2. Mid-Point Assessment
3. Teaching Mathematics to Students with Disabilities
4. Transition Programs and Services for Children and Youth with Disabilities
5. Student Teaching; Learning and Behavior Disorders
6. Legal Issues in Special Education

Minimum Total Hours 30

Midpoint Assessment: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, grade no lower than B-minus in all coursework; Exemplary or Target performance on all Hallmark Assessment Tasks to date (including EDSP 512 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/search/?P=EDSP%20512), EDSP 516 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/search/?P=EDSP%20516), EDSP 644 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/search/?P=EDSP%20644)), Exemplary or Target performance on all rubrics; positive recommendation from the Special Education Program Committee; electronic documentation of 200 hours of diverse and approved field experiences.

Exit Assessment: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; no grade lower than B-minus in all coursework; Exemplary or Target performance on all Hallmark Assessment Tasks; Exemplary or Target performance on all rubrics; positive recommendation from the Special Education Program Committee.

Certification Assessment: Exemplary or Target dispositions assessment; no grade lower than B-minus in all coursework; passing scores on PRAXIS exams; 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 Academic Policies, Procedures, and Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/graduate/general-policies-procedures-requirements/).

Praxis Disclaimer: Teacher certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for certification test(s), please refer to the

The Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education program with a concentration in Moderate/Severe Disabilities P-12 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).