MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING program:
Candidates who meet the following criteria may be eligible to apply to the
Admission Requirements
Prior to the end of the program a 12-week student teaching placement
placements that serve individuals with moderate and severe disabilities.
Students must complete weekly field hours in school or community
(teacher only (not an Elementary, Middle or Secondary content area
of this degree/licensure program will lead to certification as an MSD
children and/or adults with Moderate and Severe Disabilities. Completion
academic credentials as well as successful experience working with
Disabilities, grades P-12. Applicants to the program should have excellent
This program leads to Kentucky certification for Moderate and Severe
education-in-special-education/online
Program Information
This program can be completed in a traditional classroom format or entirely
online (http://louisville.edu/online/programs/masters/master-of-
education-in-special-education/).
This program leads to Kentucky certification for Moderate and Severe
Disabilities, grades P-12. Applicants to the program should have excellent
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Prior to the end of the program a 12-week student teaching placement
must be successfully completed.
Admission Requirements
Candidates who meet the following criteria may be eligible to apply to the
Master of Arts in Teaching program:

a. Complete graduate application (http://louisville.edu/graduate/
   futuresstudents-apply-materials/application/). This should be
   completed three to four weeks prior to the application deadline.
b. 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)
c. Grade of C or better in ENGL 102, or equivalent
d. Grade of C or better in oral communication course
e. TOEFL (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/toefl)/IELTS (https://www.ielts.org/)/(Duolingo (https://
   www.duolingo.com/)
f. Professional Writing Requirements (http://louisville.edu/
   education/degrees/info/mat-mse-professional-statement/)
g. Three Letters of Recommendation (http://louisville.edu/
   education/degrees/info/lor/)
h. Acceptable interview

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Minimum Total Hours: 39

Midpoint Assessment: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; no grade lower
than B- in all coursework; Electronic documentation of 200 hours of
diverse and approved field experiences; satisfactory performance on all
Hallmark Assessment Tasks; Target performance or better on all rubrics.

Degree Assessment: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; no grade lower
than B- in all coursework; satisfactory performance on all Hallmark
Assessment Tasks; Target performance or better on all rubrics.

Certification Assessment: Satisfactory dispositions assessment; passing
scores on required PRAXIS exams; completion of degree requirements.

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
(http://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).