

Master's Degree in **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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THE PROGRAM

The **MASTER'S DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION)** is a fully online, 36-42 credit graduate degree that provides students the knowledge and skills for working with students with disabilities. Full-time students may complete this degree within 16-24 months. The intensive, fast-track special education coursework is designed to allow teachers, administrators, or related field personnel to specialize in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), or Special Education Intervention Specialist. Students have the option of seeking teacher certification/endorsement in: ASD, ESE K-12, Pre-K Disabilities; Early Intervention Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist training (ITDS); or preparation for the Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam.

COURSES

SPECIAL EDUCATION CORE – 15-18 credits

- Assessing Students with Disabilities
- Enhancing Collaborations between Schools, Communities, & Families of Students with Special Needs
- Instructional Design in Special Education
- Program Evaluation of Special Education Programs, Supports, & Services
- Special Education Leadership, Policy, & Ethics
- Thesis of Field Project (optional)

RESEARCH & STATISTICS CORE – 6 credits

- Educational Research
- Educational Statistics

CONCENTRATION AREA

Note: Students can choose one (1) or more areas of concentration.

- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) - 21 credits
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) - 15 credits
- Early Childhood Special Education (Pre-K Disabilities and ITDS) - 15 credits
- Special Education Intervention Specialist - 15 credits

Fully Online Degree

Learn more by contacting us!



How to **APPLY**

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APPLICATION

To be considered for admission into the Master's program in the Department of Special Education, applicants must complete a graduate application online through FAU's Graduate College at <https://www.fau.edu/graduate>; select *M.Ed. in Exceptional Student Education*.

Students are admitted for Fall (August) or Spring (January) entry. Application deadlines are: April 15 (Domestic) and February 15 (International) - Fall semester entry. November 1 (Domestic) and July 15 (International) - Spring semester entry.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Domestic Applicants

- Bachelor's Degree
- An undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 or if GPA is below 3.0, applicants may submit 1 letter of recommendation from (education related field) employer or current/former university instructor
- Personal statement not exceeding three double spaced pages, indicating applicant's reasons for pursuing a Master's degree and career goals

International Applicants

- Bachelor's Degree (w/ course-by-course evaluation of international transcripts if applicable)
- An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 or if GPA is below 3.0, applicants may submit 1 letter of recommendation from (education related field) employer or current/former university instructor
- Personal statement not exceeding three double spaced pages, indicating applicant's reasons for pursuing a Master's degree and career goals
- TOEFL score of 500 or IBT of 61; IELTS 6.0; Duolingo 90

Complete Graduate College applications are forwarded to the Department of Special Education for a decision.



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