

Missouri State University

Springfield

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Master's Level Teacher Certification Severely Developmentally Disabled (K-12)

Career Preparation

The Severely Developmentally Disabled, (K-12) Special Education program provides Graduate Candidates with in depth knowledge and skills to effectively assess individuals requiring extensive and pervasive supports. If you are interested in helping to make a difference in the lives of special needs children and youth, you may wish to consider Special Education as a career.

Trends indicate that employment opportunities for special education graduates have increased significantly. Salaries are in the \$21,000 to \$26,000 range, depending on the geographic area, but may be considerably more due to the need for Special Education teachers.

The program is approved by the Missouri State Board of Education and is accredited by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and by NCATE.

Academic Program

The Severely Developmentally Disabled Master's program requires satisfactory completion of a minimum of 51 hours for certification and the Master's degree. This sequence is designed to provide a basic content background in Special Education and prepare students to research and implement effective practices for children with significant sensory, motor and severe/chronic health needs. Professional education courses are sequenced to provide both study in the University setting and practical experience in the Special Education educational setting.

Courses

Students pursuing Post-Baccalaureate certification at Missouri State University must submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended. Prior coursework will be evaluated and all equivalent coursework will be applied toward current certification requirements. Once the transcript analysis has been completed, students are encouraged to submit course descriptions for courses that were not initially determined equivalent, but may have provided the competencies required for certification. Students seeking Post-Baccalaureate certification are given an Individualized Program of Study, but must meet current state requirements determined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) when applying for certification.

Faculty

The faculty offices are located in Hill Hall. One hundred percent of the faculty holds doctoral degrees. Faculty members are actively involved in teaching, research, and service activities at the local, state, and national levels. While the faculty provides informal advisement to the students, the Coordinator of Teacher

Facilities

The University is fortunate to have Greenwood Laboratory School located on campus. Greenwood, a K-12 laboratory school, provides students in Special Education with firsthand experience in observing and working with students. Also, the technology laboratories located in Hill Hall have the most recent innovations in instructional technology available for use by Special Education majors.

Special Opportunities & Services

A student pursuing in Special Education has the opportunity to become involved in a variety of student organizations. Among the organizations available to Education majors are the Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC), Student Missouri State Teachers Association, the Student National Education Association, and Kappa Delta Pi, the honorary organization for Education majors. These organizations provide students with opportunities for professional growth and the opportunity to meet students and professionals with similar interests.

Because the University and the College of Education are committed to the student's success beyond the classroom, Career Services, in cooperation with the School of Teacher Education, takes an active role in helping students secure teaching positions after they are certified. Students are encouraged to contact Career Services for job search assistance.

For More Information

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Required Coursework: Severely Developmentally Disabled (K-12)

The Severely Developmentally Disabled program allows students to earn Teacher Certification AND a Master's degree concurrently.

General Education Coursework

All general education requirements are waived for Severely Developmentally Disabled students per the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) rule for Alternative Certification Programs.

The coursework below is displayed in a "suggested sequence". This sequence may vary based on the semester of entry into the program and number of hours completed per semester. Following this schedule, certification may be completed in 7 semesters.

Professional Coursework

Year One Summer

SPE 615	Foundations in Special Education	3 hours
SPE 510	Physical and Health Needs of Students with Disabilities	3 hours
CSD 630	Introduction to Augmentative and Alternative Communication	2 hours

Year One Fall

SPE 525	Introduction to Teaching and Assessing Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders	3 hours
SPE 526	Applied Behavioral Analysis for Developmental Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorders	3 hours

Year One Spring

SPE 683	Advanced Assessment to Support Individuals with Developmental and Sensory Disabilities	3 hours
SPE 507	Introduction to Visual Impairments, Autism and Severe/Multiple Disabilities	3 hours

Year Two Summer

SPE 527	Seminar in Developmental and Sensory Disabilities	3 hours
PED 545	Perceptual and Motor Development	3 hours
CSD 632	Speech and Language Assessment and Treatment for Special Populations	3 hours

Year Two Fall

SPE 685	Advanced Procedures in Developmental Disabilities	3 hours
Take Praxis II Exams # 20353		
# 10544		

Year Two Spring

SPE 691	Clinical Practicum For Special Needs Populations	6 hours
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Year Three Summer

PSY 603	Human Growth and Development	3 hours
SPE 523	Curriculum and Methods in Early Childhood Special Education	4 hours

Certification Coursework Complete	45 hours
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Additional Coursework Required for the Master's Degree

SPE 688	Research Seminar in Special Education	3 hours
or		
SPE 699	Thesis in Special Education	
SFR 690	Introduction to Educational Research	3 hours

Total Program Hours 51 hours

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