

SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission to the Master of Education Degree in Special Education an applicant must:

1. Meet all University admission requirements.
2. Have at least 1,350 points based on the formula of 200 times the undergraduate cumulative grade point average plus the General Test (Verbal and Quantitative) score of the Graduate Record Examination for regular status. A student not eligible for regular admission may be admitted with conditional status if the student has 1,250 points based on the formula of 200 times the last 60 hours undergraduate cumulative grade point average plus the General Test (Verbal and Quantitative) score of the Graduate Record Examination.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE (SPED)

Prerequisite: Special Education 600 or equivalent. Complete twenty-four (24) hours in Special Education including Special Education 581, 602, 608, 612, and twelve (12) hours of Special Education electives. Complete twelve (12) hours in Education, including Educational Foundations 600 and 607 or 615 or 616 and six (6) hours of Education electives. Satisfactory completion of a written comprehensive examination. If not successful, the candidate may be given the opportunity to complete an oral comprehensive examination.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Requirements beyond the Master's Degree may be necessary if the student is deficient in certification requisites. Students may elect to focus coursework toward State of Louisiana Certification in the following areas:

- Teachers of Mild/Moderate Disabilities (Generic)
- Teachers of the Severe/Profound Disabilities (Generic)
- Teachers of the Noncategorical Preschool Disabilities (Generic)
- Early Intervention
- Assessment Teacher
- Educational Consultant
- Supervisor/Director of Special Education

Students desiring to pursue any of the above should consult with their faculty advisor or Department Head for requirements.

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS OF THE ACADEMICALLY GIFTED

Certification to teach the Academically Gifted may be met by obtaining a master's degree and meeting the State approved program. The student should consult with a department advisor concerning available course options.

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT EDUCATION SCHOOL PERSONNEL

In order to be certified as an instructor in adult education a person must hold a valid standard Louisiana teaching certificate and complete the following additional courses: Education 440/523, 441/524, 442/525, 443/526. Those persons who are certified as a city or parish supervisor of instruction may be certified as an administrator and/or supervisor of adult education by completing the above listed courses.

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPERVISORS OF PARISH OR CITY MATERIALS AND OR MEDIA CENTERS

In order to be certified as a supervisor of parish and/or city media centers, the student must hold a valid Type A Louisiana teaching certificate, must have had five years of successful teaching experience, and hold an advanced degree from a regionally accredited institution. In addition, the student must have earned fifteen graduate semester hours including Education 669, 670, 671, 672, and Communication 514.

The above 15 semester hour block may be taken as a regular part of the student's graduate program when appropriate as electives and/or required courses.