

# Master of Education in Special Education



School of Education  
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## Earn a Master of Education in Special Education!

The MEd in Special Education with a special education concentration is designed for individuals who desire advanced professional preparation in special education. The program encompasses theory, research and practice relating to individuals who experience disabilities.

The MEd in Special Education provides candidates with the knowledge and application of assessment and intervention strategies that support the learning of children with exceptional learning for grades K-8 (Elementary) or 7-12 (Secondary), and aims to prepare scholarly practitioners grounded in purpose and research.

### Admission Requirements:

- Satisfy the [Admission Requirements for Graduate Degrees](#) and the [School of Education MEd requirements](#).
- Submit an application to the MEd in Special Education Program. Contact the School of Education at 786-4402.
- Submit proof of current teaching certification. (For those who do not hold an Alaska Teaching Certificate and would like to obtain one, please refer to the [Graduate Certificate in Special Education](#) program.)

The School of Education allows access to coursework through a variety of methodologies and delivery formats, including distance education. Candidates must have the technological knowledge, skills, and access to engage in distance learning. Candidates admitted or seeking admission to the MEd in Special Education must receive approval from their advisor prior to taking coursework from another institution intended to satisfy requirements for the program.

### Program Requirements:

Core Courses	Title	Credits
EDSE A610	Clinical Assessment: Eligibility and Program Planning	3
EDSE A612	Curriculum and Strategies I: Low Incidence	3
EDSE A622	Curriculum and Strategies II: High Incidence	3
EDSE A623	Language and Literacy: Best Practices in Assessment and Intervention	3
EDSE A624	Social/Emotional Development, Assessment and Intervention	3
EDSE A625	Teaching Mathematics to Special Learners	3
EDSE A632	Special Education Law: Principals and Practices	3

Research Courses*	Title	Credits
EDRS A660	Fundamentals of Research in Education	3
EDRS A*	Research Elective by Advisement*	3
<b>Concentration</b>		
Complete one of the following concentrations:		
Elementary Special Education		9
EDSE A674	Family Partnerships in Early Childhood Special Education	
EDSE A695E EDSE A611Y	Advanced Internship in Special Education: Elementary OR Assessment in Preschool Special Education	
EDSE A623Y	Strategies and Interventions: Preschool Special Education	
Secondary Special Education		9
EDSE A686	Transition Services for Secondary Students with Disabilities	
EDSE A695S EDSE A633	Advanced Internship in Special Education: Secondary OR Autism: Communication and Social Disorders	
EDSY A661	Assessment in Secondary Classrooms	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>

#### Graduation Requirements:

- Satisfy the [General University Requirements for Graduate Degrees](#).
- Satisfy the [School of Education MEd Graduation Requirements](#).
- Complete the program requirements above.
- Prior to graduation, students must also satisfactorily complete a Special Education Praxis II, related to the student's area of focus, and approved by their advisor.

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