Thank you for your interest in learning more about National University’s Masters in Special Education

Masters of Science in Special Education

*Master the Techniques to Promote Learning and Help Students with Special Needs*

The M.S. in Special Education from National University will equip you with the specialized skills and knowledge you need to make a dramatic difference helping children and youth with various learning challenges.

A powerful combination of online study and invaluable field-experience will provide you with in-depth knowledge on educational learning problems and the most effective teaching strategies in use today.

Most courses required for this degree are available online using state-of-the-art learning technology to provide optimal learning flexibility.

Requirements

To receive a Master of Science in Special Education, students must complete at least 66 quarter units of graduate work.

A total of 13.5 quarter units of graduate credit may be granted for equivalent graduate work completed at another institution, as it applies to this degree and if the units were not used in earning another advanced degree. Students enrolled in the joint degree credential program are not awarded the master's degree until they have completed all graduate and credential coursework, including student teaching. Course equivalence cannot be granted for life experience. Although many of the following courses are available online, EXC 630 and certain field experiences must be taken on site.

**Degree Requirements**

(17 courses, 64.5 quarter units)

**Core Requirements**

(9 courses, 37.5 quarter units)

Field experience courses must be taken at the beginning of the program and may be taken concurrently with other courses.

EXC 602A Field Experience: Special Education
(3 quarter units)
EXC 602B Field Experience: Inclusive Settings
(3 quarter units)
EXC 604 Exceptionality and Diversity in the Classroom
ILD 680 Research in Education
TED 611 Educational Psychology
TED 621A Language Development Methods for the Elementary School
(Prerequisite: Masters only students are exempt from TED 615)
or
TED 623 Language Development Methods for Secondary and Middle Schools
(Prerequisite: Masters only students are exempt from TED 615)
EXC 620 Positive Behavior Support
EXC 630 Assessment and Instructional Planning for Special-Needs Students
EXC 650 Collaboration and Consultation for Special Education
Generic Core Exam

**Advanced Specialist Requirements**
(7 courses, 23.5 quarter Units)

EXC 644 Reading and Language Arts Methods for Special Education
(one night per week over two months)
EXC 644A Field Study: Reading and Language Arts Methods for Special Education
(1.5 quarter unit)
EXC 660 Instruction of Learners with Mild/Moderate Disabilities
EXC 660A Field Study: Instruction of Learners with Mild/Moderate Disabilities
(1.5 quarter unit)
or
EXC 665 Instruction of Learners with Moderate/Severe Disabilities
EXC 665A Field Study: Instruction of Learners with Moderate/Severe Disabilities
(1.5 quarter unit)

plus
EXC 615 Technology for Persons with Disabilities
EXC 615A Field Study: Technology for Persons with Disabilities
(1.5 quarter unit)
EXC 694 Thesis
(Prerequisite: ILD 680)
or
EXC 637 Action Research
Exit Exam

**Program Elective**
(1 course, 4.5 quarter units)

To complete the Special Education Program, students can select one elective from the SOE graduate course offerings approved by the Special Education faculty. Students who plan to teach at the secondary level are encouraged to take TED 624.

Students seeking the Preliminary Level I Education Specialist: Mild/Moderate Disabilities credential must take:
EXC 685A  Student Teaching - Mild/Moderate Disabilities
EXC 685B  Student Teaching - Mild/Moderate Disabilities

Students seeking the Preliminary Level I Education Specialist: Moderate/Severe Disabilities credential must take:
EXC 690A  Student Teaching - Moderate/Severe Disabilities
EXC 690B  Student Teaching - Moderate/Severe Disabilities

EXC 685A, EXC 685B, EXC 690A and EXC 690B do not fulfill elective requirements.

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