

Master of Arts concentration in Special Education

Teachers in mid-Michigan have an opportunity to enhance their effectiveness with students in general education and special education through the Master of Arts in Special Education. The program is individually designed for teachers with a Bachelor of Arts and a valid Michigan teaching certificate who want to increase their knowledge and understanding of effective instructional strategies and techniques for K–12 students with disabilities and students considered “at risk.” This program of study results in the completion of a Master of Arts but does not result in an endorsement in any area of special education.

Career Opportunities

The Master of Arts concentration in Special Education will assist general and special education teachers in the development of the skills and knowledge necessary to provide a free, appropriate education for all students.

Accreditation

The EMU College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and approved by the Michigan Department of Education for the preparation of educational personnel. The Department of Special Education is accredited by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), in addition to NCATE accreditation and approval through the Michigan Department of Education. The endorsements in Cognitive Impairment and Emotional Impairment are K–12 endorsements and are approved by the Michigan Department of Education.

Number of Credits

32 to 42 credit hours

Services/Advantages for Students Enrolled at EMU–Flint

- Cohort master’s degree experience
- Registration for all courses in Flint
- Individual advising for students
- Innovative instructional delivery formats
- Convenient class scheduling
- Complete the M.A. in approximately three years
- Full-time and adjunct faculty instruction

Complete your application for admission to Eastern Michigan University
on the Web — <http://www.emich.edu/admissions/apply/>

Program of Study

Deficiency/Prerequisite

- SPGN 251 Education of Students with Exceptionalities or
- SPGN 510

Core Requirements

- SPGN 621 Law and Public Policy for Persons with Disabilities
- SPGN 632 Models and Skills for Special and General Education Collaboration
- SPLI 678 Assessment and Advanced Diagnostic Prescriptive Programming for Special Education Teachers
- SPGN 525 Behavior Management and the Development of Social Competence in Students with Special Needs

Methodology Requirements

- SPGN 630 Integrated Curriculum in Special Education: Math and Motor Skills Development
- SPLI 672 Integrated Curriculum in Special Education: Linguistics and Language Arts

Research Requirements – Independent Study Research Project Option

- EDPS 667 Principles of Educational Research
- SPGN 694 or SPEI 694, Seminar: Interdisciplinary Special Education
- SPGN 699 Independent Study in Special Education

OR

Research Requirements – Thesis Option

- EDPS 667 Principles of Educational Research, OR, PSY 600, Psychological Statistics I, OR EDPS 621, Statistical Applications in Educational Research
- SPGN 694 or SPEI 694, Seminar: Interdisciplinary Special Education
- SPGN 692 Master's Thesis

Restricted Electives

3–5 Credit hours selected with Faculty Advisor Education

Admission

1. Possess a valid Michigan teaching certificate.
2. Meet Graduate School admission requirements including graduation from a regionally accredited college or university.
3. Be admitted to the Graduate School and the Graduate Program in Special Education.
4. Achieve acceptable scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
5. Submit two letters of recommendation to include one letter verifying professional competence and one letter from a faculty member or other person knowledgeable of the candidate's academic competence.
6. Be recommended for acceptance by a faculty member in the Department of Special Education after a personal interview.
7. Be committed to the cohort and willing to complete the EMU–Flint program sequence.

For More Information

For an application packet and information about requirements for admission to the M.A. concentration in Special Education, contact:

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