# Special Education

Special Education M.Ed.—with Concentration in Severe Intellectual Disabilities (SID)

Admission Requirements

1. A completed application form accompanied by a $50 nonrefundable application fee.

2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate course work.

3. A bachelor’s degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in all undergraduate course work.

4. Three Candidate Reference Forms accompanied by three letters of recommendation.

5. A Performance-Based Evaluation.

6. Completion of courses that address (determined by the Special Education advisor):

* Curriculum and Methods in Teaching Reading
* Curriculum and Methods in Teaching Science/Math.
* Overview of Special Education: Policies/Practice
* Supporting students with behavioral needs

7. An essay describing the candidate’s commitment to special education, cultural awareness, collaboration, and lifelong learning.

8. An interview may be required.

Course Requirements

Program Electives

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|  | COURSEWORK in research methods chosen with advisor's consent | 3 |  |
|  | ONE COURSE in multicultural perspectives, chosen with advisor’s consent | 3 |  |

Professional Education Component

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| SPED 415 | Assessment/Instruction with Young Exceptional Children | 3 | F |
| SPED 435 | Assessment/Instruction: Young Students with SID | 4 | Sp |
| SPED 436 | Assessment/Instruction: Older Students with SID | 4 | F |
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| SPED 513 | Characteristics/Needs of Young Exceptional Children | 3 | Sp |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| SPED 520 | Young Adults in Nonschool Settings | 3 | Su |
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| SPED 525 | Development of Communication and Movement | 3 | F |
| SPED 526 | Assessment, Curriculum: Students with Complex Needs | 3 | Sp (even years) |
| SPED 534 | Involvement of Families in Special Education | 3 | F, Sp |
| SPED 665 | Graduate Internship: Students with SID | 6 | F, Sp |

Comprehensive Assessment

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| CA | Capstone Portfolio |  | F, Sp |

Total Credit Hours: 35