

SPECIAL EDUCATION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

General Graduate Program Requirements

Graduate School policies and standards can be found on the Graduate School Policies page (<https://catalog.umt.edu/graduate/school-policies/>).

The minimum GPA for any graduate program is 3.0. Individual programs may require more than a 3.0 to remain in good standing.

The minimum grade for a course to be accepted toward any requirement is C. Individual programs may require higher grades for specific courses.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE - SPECIAL EDUCATION

This program of study can only be completed by those pursuing a teaching endorsement in another content area or by currently licensed teachers. Students must be formally admitted to the Teacher Education Program and complete all of the professional education licensure requirements. See the Department of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education for more information.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Complete all of the following courses:		
EDSP 403	Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education	3
EDSP 405	Assessment of Students with Exceptionalities	3
EDSP 426	Introduction to Transition & Community	3
EDSP 454	Advanced Academic Interventions	3
EDSP 456	Introduction to Methods for Low Incidence Disabilities	3
EDSP 461	Positive Behavior Supports	3
EDSP 462	Special Education Law, Policy, and Practice	3
EDU 438	Literacy Assessment, Diagnosis, & Instruction	3
EDSP 495	Student Teaching: Special Education ¹	6-10
Total Hours		30-34

¹ All special education coursework must be completed prior to the special education student teaching experience. An application is required to determine special education student teaching eligibility. See Teacher Education Services or the Office of Field Experiences for deadlines.

Initial licensure candidates complete a 10-credit practicum. Currently licensed teachers complete a 6-credit practicum.