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College of Education
Department of Special Education

M.A. Degree Program

Autism Specialization

For students pursuing a:

Master of Education Degree with a Concentration in Special Education

Program embeds requirements for Level II Education Specialist in
• Early Childhood Special Education
• Moderate/Severe Disabilities
WELCOME!

Welcome to the Department of Special Education at San Diego State University. Our department prepares educators and other professionals to work with people with exceptionalities and their families. The majority of our programs prepare special education teachers to work with children with disabilities and their families from birth through young adulthood. There are also programs for those interested in working with gifted and talented students.

AUTISM PROGRAM

The SDSU Department of Special Education has created a program that is specifically designed to prepare candidates from diverse backgrounds to obtain the knowledge and skills to work effectively with children with autism. The goals of this grant program are to:

- Recruit and prepare M.A. Degree students who are fully credentialed
- Provide advanced knowledge & skills in autism using a research-to-practice model
- Implement a field-based, culturally relevant program
- Contribute to the field through candidates’ research projects

HOW TO APPLY

Students interested in applying for the MA degree program in autism must satisfy the following requirements:

- Apply to San Diego State University
- Apply to the SDSU Dept. of Special Education and submit GRE scores (applications are due by April 1st)
- Complete prerequisite coursework:
  > SPED 527: Special Education in a Pluralistic Society (or equivalent)
  > SPED 553: Behavioral Strategies and Support (or equivalent)

Visit the SDSU and SDSU Dept. of Special Education websites for information regarding applications.

Students who do not hold a Level I credential are required to attend a group advising session to learn about applying to Level I credential programs. Dates and times of advising sessions are posted on the following website: http://edweb.sdsu.edu/SPED/SPED.html

Sequence of Courses for the M.A. Degree:

| YEAR ONE | | YEAR TWO |
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| Fall (8 Units) | Spring (6 Units) |
| SPED 530: Issues in Autism (2 units) | SPED 676: Advanced ABA (3 units) |
| SPED 651 or 655: Legislation, Leadership & Management (3 units) | SPED 681: Advanced Studies in SPED/Autism (3 units) |
| ED 690: Methods of Inquiry (3 units) | |
| Summer (4 Units) | |
| SPED 771A Advanced Intensive Practicum | |
| Fall (6 Units) | Spring (6 Units) |
| SPED 654: Adapting Curriculum (2 units) | SPED 510: Adapting Communication Systems (1 unit) |
| SPED 657: Facilitating Transitions (1 unit) | SPED 656: Social & Play Skills (1 unit) |
| ED 795A: Research Project (3 units) | SPED 605: Advanced Behavior & Health Supports (1 unit) |
| | ED 795B: Research Project (3 units) |
| Summer (4 Units) | |
| SPED 771B Advanced Intensive Practicum | |