

## **TYPES & AMOUNTS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Financial support from the grant includes the following:

### Academic Year (per semester)

- CA resident fee support: up to \$3922\*
- Living stipend: \$500
- Book Allowance: \$350
- **Total amount/semester:** up to \$4772

Professional development expenses (e.g. conferences, subscriptions) **\$1200 Total**

\* Fee amounts are current as of February 2012 and are subject to change

Qualifying students who accept financial assistance are responsible for meeting all program coursework requirements; attending additional lectures, workshops and seminars; and meeting special grant related federal requirements, including a US Dept. of Education requirement to teach children with, or "at risk" for, disabilities for two years for every year of assistance received. More information regarding this obligation, as well as other scholarship information, can be found by going to the SPED Projects website at:

[http://coe.sdsu.edu/sped/info/projects/spedprojects/SPED\\_Projects.html](http://coe.sdsu.edu/sped/info/projects/spedprojects/SPED_Projects.html)

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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:*

**+Clear Education Specialist in:  
Early Childhood Special Education  
or**

**Moderate/Severe Disabilities**

**+Approved Coursework for BCBA  
(Board Certified Behavior  
Analyst) certification**

# 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.

The SDSU Department of Special Education has received grants from the U.S. Office of Personnel Preparation that is specifically designed to prepare candidates from diverse backgrounds to obtain the knowledge and skills to work effectively with youth with autism. The goals of these programs 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**
- Prepare **special education mentors** with advanced knowledge in Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Implement a **field-based, culturally relevant** program
- Contribute to the field through candidates' **research projects**

Currently **grant support is available for MA candidates serving secondary aged students (14 to 22) with autism.** To be eligible for grant support, students must enroll in the SDSU Dept. of Special Education M.A. program and remain in good standing with the Department. For more information regarding grant support contact Dr. Bonnie Kraemer at [bkraemer@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:bkraemer@mail.sdsu.edu)

## 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 February 1<sup>st</sup>)
- 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.

If you are interested in a Preliminary Teaching Credential, you must attend an advising session and complete a separate credential application. Dates and times of advising sessions are posted on the following website:

<http://coe.sdsu.edu/sped/current/advising.php>

## PRIORITIES

Priorities for scholarship support for this degree include:

- Candidates with a preliminary Mild to Moderate OR Moderate to Severe credential
- Candidates from traditionally under-represented backgrounds

For additional information see:

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## Sequence of Courses for the M.A.

YEAR ONE	
Fall (9 Units)	Spring (9 Units plus Practicum)
SPED 657: Facilitating Transition <i>(Not required for EC candidates)</i> (3 units)	SPED 530: Issues in Autism (3 units)
SPED 651: Legislation (3 units)	SPED 676: Advanced ABA (3 units)
ED 690: Methods of Inquiry (3 units)	SPED 681B: Advanced Studies in SPED/Autism (3 units)
	SPED 771A: Advanced Intensive Practicum

YEAR TWO	
Fall (9 Units)	Spring (4 Units)
SPED 685: Single-Subject Research Design (3units)	SPED 605: Advanced Behavior & Health Supports (1 unit)
ARP 687: Job Placements <i>For Candidates on Transition Grant</i> (3 units)	ED 795B: Research Project (3 units)
ED 795A: Research Project (3 units)	
Summer (4 Units)	
SPED 771B: Adult Practicum <i>(For Candidates on Transition Grant)</i>	