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

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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
  - Moderate/Severe Disabilities
+ Approved Coursework for BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) certification

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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.

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 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.

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 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: http://coe.sdsu.edu/sped/info/projects/spedprojects/SPED_Projects.html

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