

# M.Ed. - Special Education

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The Department of Counseling, Special Education, and Educational Psychology offers a 30-credit hour Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Special Education degree. This program has been designed for working education professionals (licensed or unlicensed) who wish to pursue graduate studies focusing on teaching diverse students with disabilities. The program does not include a teaching credential. However, the M.Ed. in Special Education may be combined with the Alternative Certification Program (ACP) for individuals seeking to receive their M.Ed. and Texas teaching license. For more information contact [acp@utep.edu](mailto:acp@utep.edu)

## Admission Requirements

A minimum 3.0 GPA on cumulative record (or 3.0 GPA in Education-Related Courses or final 60 undergraduate credit hours) prior to admission. Applicants are screened based on the quality of their application and the candidate's potential for success in the program via the assessment of the special education program admissions committee. Students must include the following in their application:

1. Curriculum Vitae/Resume
2. Statement of intent (including their intent for selecting their concentration)
3. Two professional letters of reference
4. Official undergraduate transcripts
5. Applicants from countries where English is not the first language are required to demonstrate English proficiency. Please consult the graduate school (<http://catalog.utep.edu/admissions/graduate/graduate-student/>) website for required scores.

## Capstone Project

Students will be required to conduct research and develop a project relevant to their local community or schools with regard to the education of students with special needs. The research project should reflect adherence to professional ethical research standards.

## Concentrations

- Social-Emotional Learning (includes online and in-person courses)

## Degree Plan

### M.Ed. - Special Education with Concentration in Social Emotional Learning

Required Credits: 30

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Special Education Core Requirements</b>		
Required Courses:		
EDPC 5310	Appl. Res. Des. for Coun & Spe	3
SPED 5320	Spec Ed-Historical Legal Basis	3
SPED 5321	Cont. Trends in Cult & Ling SE	3
SPED 5337	Assessment: Disability	3
SPED 5361	Positive Behavior Interv & Sup	3
SPED 5378	Capstone in Special Education	3
<b>Concentration</b>		
Required Courses:		
EDPC 5321	School Counseling	3
EDPC 5362	CnsIng Children, Adlscnts & Fam	3
SPED 5332	Multi-Tiered SEL for SWD	3
SPED 5333	Field-Experience: SEL for SWD	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>