



University of Missouri–St. Louis
The Graduate School

Master of Education (M.Ed.) Special Education

Degree Program

A minimum of 33 credit hours is required. All program plans require a) 12 hours of core courses, b) 9-15 hours in a concentration, c) electives that offer an opportunity to specialize, and d) a capstone or exit course.

Emphasis Areas

Autism and Developmental Disabilities; Cross Categorical Disabilities; Early Childhood Special Education

Program Website

<http://coe.umsl.edu/web/divisions/teach-learn/graduate.cfm>

Application Requirements

1. Application

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/future/how-to-apply.html>

2. Official transcripts from all universities attended

Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree in education before beginning the master's program.

3. Grade Point Average

Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale. Students whose total undergraduate GPA and major GPA are between 2.75 and 2.99 may be admitted on a restricted basis except in the following circumstances: Admission requires GPAs of 2.75 or better in a) the undergraduate major field, b) education coursework, and c) overall.

Students with GPAs below 2.75 can submit "supportive evidence" and letters of recommendation. Please call the Graduate Education Office, 314-516-5483, to obtain these materials. Students entering with GPAs below 2.75 are admitted on restricted status and required to obtain a 3.0 graduate GPA in their first 12 graduate hours.

4. Entrance examinations

- a. There are no entrance exams for domestic students.
- b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.

5. Letters of recommendation

May be invited for applicants who do not meet the normal criteria for admission.

Application Deadlines

Deadline for receipt of all admission materials:

Summer session: May 1

Fall semester: July 1

Winter/spring semester: December 1

Application Fee

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

Assistantships and Fellowships

Typically, assistantships are awarded only to doctoral students.

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