



Masters in Special Education

(Emphasis: Mild / Moderate)

Admission Requirements:

1. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution
2. Overall GPA of at least 3.0 in your Bachelor's program
3. Passing scores on the PRAXIS I: Core Academic Skill for Educators (Praxis CORE, 5751) exam in ALL three sections, OR at least a 21 on the ACT with no sub-score below an 18.
 - Special concessions may be made for candidates with: Currently active, valid teaching license issued by the state education board / agency (must be Standard 5 Year Renewable license) with at least one-year teaching experience.

Required Courses (Total hours 30 – 33):

CSP 545	Special Education Assessment
CSP 550	Programming for Individuals with Severe/Multiple Disabilities
CSP 640	Education of Young Children with Exceptional Learning Needs
CSP 643	Programming for Adolescents with Mild/Moderate Exceptional Learning Needs
CSP 651	Foundations of Special Education in Inclusive Settings
CSP 672 or CSP 674	Fundamentals of Effective Teaching in Special Education Advanced Instructional Planning in Special Education (
CSP 686	Teaching for Inclusion
EPY 601	Psychology of Learning
ELR 605	Methods of Educational Research and Statistics

Internships:

CSP 647	Field Experience in Special Education (Action Research / Practicum) This course is for currently licensed teachers and/or candidates who completed student teaching during their UG degree.
CSP 547 and CSP 557	Internship These courses are only for students who have NOT completed student teaching during their undergraduate program.

Optional Add on Courses (not required but leads to addition of Severe/Profound endorsement):

CSP 583	Add on: Developmental Disabilities
CSP 585	Add on: Emotional Disabilities
CSP 648	Add on: Parent-Teacher-Student Relationships in Special Education

Canvas: This is a fully online program. DSU uses the Canvas system for online courses. You will need to have access to a good computer with internet capability. You should familiarize yourself with Canvas as soon as you gain access. For this program, all materials and assignments for each class will be displayed sequentially in the MODULES tab.

TaskStream: You will need to purchase an online subscription to TaskStream. This is where you will upload all of your approved assignments for the University and State. Go to www.taskstream.com for details. Keep in mind that this program takes up to two years to complete and you will need a TaskStream subscription the entire time.

Comprehensive Exam: You will register and sit for the comp exam in Special Education during your last semester of course work. You are required to take and pass this exam before you may graduate from the M.Ed. S.E. program.

PRAXIS Specialty Area: You will need to take and pass the PRAXIS II: Special Education Core Knowledge and Applications exam (5354) prior to sitting for the comprehensive exam. As soon as you take and pass this exam, provide your DSU advisor with the score report.

Additionally, many states, Mississippi included, will require a passing score on the PRAXIS II: Principles of Teaching and Learning (PLT) (K-6, 5622 or 7-12, 5624), in order to gain Educator Licensure.

For more information on this program, please contact:

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Special Statement:

Graduate candidates must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in the first nine (9) hours of coursework or will be dismissed from the program and the University (p. 31, Graduate Catalog, 2018-2019). There are no exceptions to this rule.

For the Masters of Special Education program, a GPA of 3.0 or higher should be maintained throughout the entire program. A candidate who makes a C or lower in any course is at-risk of being dismissed from the program.