

SPECIAL EDUCATION, M.A.

Non-Education Certification Program

The Non-Education Certification Program is designed to allow candidates from non-education backgrounds to obtain West Virginia teacher licensure in Visual Impairments, Multicategorical, and Autism at the 5-Adult level. The non-education program does not include a general education teaching endorsement.

Admission Requirements Special Education M.A.

All applicants (including those seeking admission as professional development (certification only), should follow the admissions process described in this catalog or at the Graduate Admissions website at www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission (<http://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission/>).

Applicants must:

- Have an undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Meet *one* of the following two requirements:
 - A total of 286 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) or
 - A raw score of at least 30 or a scaled score of 378 on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT)

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Students must meet all Special Education Program admission requirements. In addition to the general Special Education Admission requirements, applicants must pass the Praxis I (Pre-Professional Skills Test) in Reading, Mathematics, and Writing within their first twelve hours of coursework. The Praxis I requirement is waived for applicants with an enhanced ACT score of 26 or higher, a re-centered SAT score of 1125 or higher or if the applicant holds a master's degree.

Current West Virginia Department of Education initial certification requirements also require a minimum overall GPA of 2.5, as well as a 2.5 GPA in the content specialization area. Candidates in the Non-Education Certification program must also meet the WVDE Praxis II testing requirements including the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) test at the 5-9 or 7-12 levels.

Program Requirements Special Education M.A.

A master's degree may be earned with a specialization in any of the Areas of Emphasis listed below. Students without a background in education must acquire certification in regular education prior to endorsement in Special Education, or they can enter the Non-Education Certification program (see Section 6 under Program of Study). The Preschool Special Education certification is exempt from this requirement.

Plan of Study

A Plan of Study approved by the student's advisor must be submitted for approval to the Graduate College Dean before the student registers for his or her 12th semester hour. The Plan of Study is a student's "blueprint" for completing graduation requirements.

Additional Certification Requirements

All Special Education majors must pass the Praxis II Test in the area(s) in which they seek endorsement. The Special Education Content Specialization Test is taken at or near the end of the certification coursework in Special Education. Students should contact the Special Education Program Area for additional information about these tests.

Special Note

The reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) has strengthened the requirements in the definition of "highly qualified" for special education teachers if they provide direct instruction in core academic subject areas (English, mathematics, science, etc.). Applicants' transcripts and teacher licenses will be analyzed upon admission to determine what, if any, additional coursework may be required to meet the federal requirements.

Plan of Study M.A. in Special Education

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Master's Degree Requirements		
CISP 611	Special Ed Research I	3
CISP 615	Special Ed Research II	3
CISP 627	Issues Special Education	3
or CISP 629	Special Education Seminar	
Special Education Core		
CISP 520	Intro to Exceptional Child	3
CIEC 534	Appli Software Class Curr Area	3
CISP 606	Reading Strat Except Student	3
CISP 607	Math Strat Except Students	3
CIRG 644	Literacy in the Content Area	3
CISP 626	Diagnostic-Clin Practices	3
Certification Area		
Select one of the following:		9-15
Deaf and Hard of Hearing (p. 1)		
Vision Impaired (p. 2)		
Multicategorical (p. 2)		
Electives		
Select 0 - 9 credit hours		0-9
Total Credit Hours		36-51

Certification Areas

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Special education core not required.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CIDH 501	American Sign Language I	3
CIDH 502	American Sign Language II	3
CIDH 504	Auditory Habilitation	3

CIDH 505	Intro Deaf & Hard of Hearing	3	CISP 663	Dev Issue Preschool Hand	3
CIDH 506	Curr & Meth Deaf/Hard of Hear	3	CISP 665	Assess Preschool Sp Ed	3
CIDH 601	Teach Intern & Pract I (Deaf/Hard of Hearing) (Residential)	3	CISP 666	Curr/Meth Preschool Sp Ed	3
CIDH 602	Tech Intern & Pract II (Deaf/Hard of Hearing) (Local School District)	3	CISP 673	Field Exp Preschool Sp Ed	3
CIDH 607	Dev & Remed of Rdg/Writ/Disc (for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing)	3	CISP 674	Clinical: Preschool Special Ed	3
CISP 607	Math Strat Except Students	3	Total Credit Hours		39
CIEC 534	Appli Software Class Curr Area	3			
Total Credit Hours		30			

Vision Impaired

Special education core not required.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CIVI 500	Intro Visual Impair	3
CIVI 501	Reading/Writing Strat Vis Imp	3
CIVI 502	Anat Phys Human Vis Sys	3
CIVI 503	Assess/Prog Plan Vis Impaired	3
CIVI 504	Assess/Plan Vis Imp Add'l Dis	3
CIVI 505	Braille	3
CIVI 600	Math Methods/Visual Impairment	3
CIVI 601	Practicum Vis Imp I	1-6
CIVI 602	Pract in Visual Imp II	3
CIVI 603	Orientation & Mobility Skills	3
CIEC 534	Appli Software Class Curr Area	3
Total Credit Hours		31-36

Multicategorical

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CISP 553	Characteristics Methods ID	3
CISP 647	Char/Mthd Spec Lrn Disabilities	3
CISP 645	Characteristics Methods E/BD	3
CISP 655	Field Exp: Multi-Categorical	3
Total Credit Hours		12

Preschool Special Education

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education		
EDF 621 or EDF 625	Educ Research & Writing Qualitative Research Educ	3
CISP 627 or CISP 629	Issues Special Education Special Education Seminar	3
Early Childhood Education		
CI 632	Early Childhood Programs	3
CI 634	Lang/Cog Early Childhood	3
Special Education		
CISP 520	Intro to Exceptional Child	3
CISP 529	Intro to Develop Disabilities	3
CISP 554	Families of Except Students	3
CISP 661	Intro Preschool Sp Ed	3

Due to the nature of a student's undergraduate program the total required in Preschool Special Education may only be 36.

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In addition to the Special Education Core and Certification Area course requirements, students in the Non-Education Certification program must complete EDF 619 Educational Psychology and EDF 616 Adv Studies Human Develop for certification. Additional master's degree requirements are the same as for all other Special Education master's degree programs.