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Master’s of Education Programs in Special Education
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

The Master’s of Education (M.Ed.) program in Special Education is designed for students who hold a baccalaureate degree and wish to earn an M.Ed. in special education, with or without licensure, in a variety of emphasis areas, including:

- Autism
- Emotional and Behavioral Disorders
- Generalist (Learning Disabilities, Emotional and Behavioral Disorders, and Mild Intellectual Disabilities)
- Gifted and Talented Education
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Learning Disabilities
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Specific requirements for each program can be found on the department website.

Upon admission to the Master’s of Education in Special Education program, students will meet with an advisor to plan their specific program of study.

Master’s degrees require a minimum of 36 semester hours of study, with 3 required hours in research and 3 in multicultural perspectives.

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Master’s Degree Information

Admission Requirements
Each applicant for admission to the Master’s of Education in Special Education program must meet Graduate College requirements for admission. Applicants are encouraged to visit the Graduate College website at http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu.

Applicants must also meet the following requirements established by the Special Education program in the Department of Educational and Clinical Studies:

1. Have a minimum GPA of 2.75 for all undergraduate work or a 3.0 for the last two years of undergraduate study.
2. Have completed the graduate application for admission.
3. Submit one set of official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities directly to the Graduate College.
4. Submit a 350- to 400-word letter of intent that discusses:
   a) the special education area of concentration you are interested in,
   b) your professional and academic goals, and
   c) a discussion of your experience relevant to the program.
This letter will be submitted online through the Graduate College Apply Yourself system.

Application Deadlines
- June 1 for fall admission
- October 1 for spring admission
- March 15 for summer admission

Financial Assistance
Graduate Assistantships, Barrick Fellowships, and Alumni Scholarships are examples of assistance available through the Graduate College. Please contact the Graduate College for additional information (702) 895-3320 or visit http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/

Information on grants, loans, and employment opportunities may be obtained from Student Financial Services at (702) 895-3424 or visit http://financialaid.unlv.edu/

Other Program Requirements
You will be required to take and pass the Praxis Core exam prior to completing 12 credit hours in the program AND take the Praxis II Special Education AND Principles of Learning and Teaching prior to student teaching. Review the information on the ETS website for Nevada http://www.ets.org/praxis/nv/

At the conclusion of your program of studies, you will be required to take comprehensive exams.

Please contact the Field Experience Coordinator the semester before you intend to complete student teaching or fieldwork for more information on this procedure. Field experience related applications and deadlines are available on the Field Experience Office website http://education.unlv.edu/ofe/