

Special Education (M.Ed.)

Degree Requirements

Special Education Graduate

The graduate program in Special Education prepares individuals with or without special education backgrounds to work with exceptional children and youth. Students seeking Alabama Class A Professional Certification may select programs of study in the areas of Collaborative Teaching K-6 or 6-12.

Post-master's or Sixth-Year Graduate Programs which lead to an Instructional Specialist Degree are available, and for qualified individuals, an Alabama Professional Certificate at the AA level.

Academic Standards And Student Responsibility

Students should be aware that the Special Education Program requires that certain courses be taken in sequence. Advisors should be consulted to obtain information about sequencing and prerequisite course work.

A committee consisting of graduate faculty members within the program will be selected by program advisors to assist the student in planning their courses of study following the schedule of course offerings. Such programs of study should be approved before the completion of nine semester hours of work.

The Special Education Program requires that students who receive a grade of "C" in a Special Education course, must repeat that course and attain a grade of "B" or better.

Satisfactory performance in all course work (GPA of 3.0 or greater) is required of all graduate Special Education majors; in the event of unsatisfactory performance (below "C") in a course not in their major area, a student's Graduate Program Committee selects the option of repeating the course and demonstrating satisfactory performance or demonstrating satisfactory performance in an approved alternate course. A minimum GPA of 3.25 is required for graduation.

Students must do their internship/practicum during their final semesters in the Mobile area or arrange to be supervised through another university. Contact Field Services for information regarding the out of area option.

Students are assigned to advisors in their respective program areas. The student has the sole responsibility for initiating applications and meeting test and other deadline requirements.

Master Of Education Degree Program In Special Education

The requirements for the Master of Education include a minimum of 30 semester hours in the program specialization. All graduate majors will have a graduate program committee plan the individual program of study based upon the student's training, experience, needs and schedule of course offerings.

Those students seeking teacher certification must complete one of the program areas detailed as follows:

Program For Collaborative Teaching, K-6 Or 6-12

For students with a valid Class "B" certificate in an area of Education. The 30 semester hour minimum program for the M.Ed. in the area of Collaborative Teaching includes:

Courses Required	Credit Hours
Curriculum and Teaching	6
SPE 512	
SPE 516	
Educational Foundations	6*
EDM 510 SPE 500	

Research and Evaluation	3
IDE 510 Educational Research and Evaluation	
Teaching Field	15
SPE 515	
SPE 591	
SPE 592	
K-6 majors take EEC 523 and Practicum (SPE 588)	
6-12 majors take SED 552 and Practicum (SPE 588)	
Students seeking certification in both K-6 and 6-12 must complete a practicum at each level.	

Department Information

Department of Leadership and Teacher Education	(251) 380-2761
Chair	Dr. Susan Santoli
Professors	Baxter, Bounds, Giles, Green, Kent, Santoli
Associate Professors	Martin, Maulding-Green, Vitulli
Assistant Professors	Brannan, Byrd, Carmouche, Delmas, Guffey, Johnson, Morton, Parrish, Reeves, Szatkowski
Senior Instructor	Simpson
Instructors	Holland

Department of Leadership and Teacher Education website
<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/ceps/lte/>

Undergraduate

The Department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Education leading to Alabama Class B certification in the following areas: Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a major in Early Childhood Studies.

Graduate

The department offers the M.Ed. degree leading to Alabama Class A Certification in the following areas: Art Education, Instructional Leadership, Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The department offers the M.Ed. degree in Educational Administration with an emphasis in higher education leadership. The department also offers the Instructional Specialist degree (Ed.S.) leading to Alabama Class AA Certification in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Instructional Leadership, Reading Specialist, Secondary Education, Special Education and Teacher Leader. The department offers the Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership.