DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION DISORDERS

Alternative Licensure
&
Master of Arts Degree in Education, Specialization SPED

Eligible participants must be:

- hired by a school district in New Mexico to teach students with disabilities
- teaching with a provisional license throughout the program
- teaching in a district with a state approved mentoring program
- admitted to the NMSU Graduate School
- admitted to the Department of Special Education/Communication Disorders
- providing annual verification of continued employment at school district

SPED Licensure Course Work (3 credit hours each):

SPED 500  Introduction to SPED in a Diverse Society - Fa/Sp/Su
SPED 504  Introduction to Assessment of Diverse Exceptional Learners - Sp/Su
SPED 506  High Incidence Populations in a Diverse Society - Sp/Su
SPED 507  Low Incidence Populations in a Diverse Society - Sp/Su
SPED 509  Reading for Elementary Exceptional Learners in a Diverse Society - Fa/Su
SPED 511  Reading for Secondary Exceptional Learners in a Diverse Society - Spr/Su
SPED 559  Classroom Management for Diverse Learners - Fa/Sp/Su

Field experience, technology and multicultural education are integrated into all coursework.

Courses to complete to complete the Masters Degree (3 credit hours each):

SPED 510  Current Issues in SPED for Teaching in a Culturally Responsive Society - Fa
SPED 513  Current Research in SPED - Sp/Su
SPED 590  Master's Degree Seminar - Fa/Sp
Approved SPED Elective 500+
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1. Students must be admitted to the Graduate School prior to taking courses in the department.
2. Graduate Students need to take all three of the following NMTA licensure exams: Basic Skills, Teacher Competency, and Content Knowledge Assessment in Special Education.
3. Students who complete the Alternative Licensure plus Masters degree in the Department of Special Education and Communications Disorders must take a graduate oral exit examination.
4. After completion of 12 graduate credit hours, students must meet with their faculty advisors to discuss their program of study.

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