

# Master of Education with a Major in Special Education

The M.Ed. with a major in Special Education program is designed for candidates who are seeking a Level 5 Georgia teaching certificate and who already have content knowledge expertise in the certification area in which they want to teach.

## Selected Educational Outcomes

1. Candidates demonstrate a strong knowledge of content area(s) appropriate to their certification levels.
2. Candidates use assessment and research to make data- and evidence-based decisions to ensure continuous development of all learners.
3. Candidates create positive learning environments for all learners.
4. Candidates use their knowledge of students and their learning to design and plan appropriate learning experiences for all learners.

## Examples of Outcome Assessments

1. Candidates demonstrate content knowledge through course-based content assessment.
2. Candidates demonstrate effective use of data and research to make data- and evidence-based decisions through completion of a review of current literature.
3. Candidates demonstrate positive learning environments through visually recorded evidence.
4. Candidates demonstrate positive impact on learners through an applied research project.

## Admission Deadlines

Fall Deadline: July 15

Spring Deadline: November 15

Summer Deadline: April 15

## Requirements for the Master of Education Degree with a Major in Special Education

| Code                                                                              | Title                                                                                                            | Hours |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| SEGC 5140                                                                         | Collaborative Roles in Education                                                                                 | 3     |
| SPEC 7110                                                                         | Transition Planning and Services                                                                                 | 3     |
| SPEC 7120                                                                         | Behavior Management and Positive Behavior Supports                                                               | 3     |
| Select one of the following two-course options based on your certification field: |                                                                                                                  | 6     |
| DEAF 7130<br>& DEAF 5310                                                          | Supporting Deaf Students with Other Disabilities<br>and Methods of Teaching Reading and Writing to Deaf Students |       |
| SPEC 7130<br>& SPEC 7050                                                          | Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)<br>and Assistive Technology                             |       |
| 9 credit hours of endorsement courses                                             |                                                                                                                  | 9     |
| Sequenced Research Requirements                                                   |                                                                                                                  | 9     |
| RSCH 7100                                                                         | Research Methodology in Education                                                                                |       |
| SPEC 7200                                                                         | Evidence-based Methods and Strategies                                                                            |       |
| SPEC 7300                                                                         | Single subject Research in Special Education                                                                     |       |
| Total Hours Required for the Degree                                               |                                                                                                                  | 33    |