

# Master's Admission and Program Requirements

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## Admission Requirements for Special Education

Applicants to the Department of Special Education are required to follow the University's procedures for **graduate admission**. Admission to the Special Education Master's Degree program requires students to submit\* evidence of the following:

- Completed Bachelor's Degree from an accredited university;
- Obtained an undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 or if GPA is below 3.0, applicants may submit 1 letter of recommendation from (education-related field) employer or current/former university instructor;
- Compose a personal statement not exceeding three double-spaced pages, indicating the applicant's reasons for pursuing a Master's degree and career goals.

\*Materials are to be submitted to FAU's Graduate College [GradCAS](#).

## Course Requirements for Master's in Special Education

Students completing a master's degree in Special Education must complete coursework constituting the:

1. College of Education Core Courses \*(6 credits),
  - EDF 6481: Educational Research (3)
  - STA 6113: Educational Statistics (3)

*\*Students completing the ABA concentration are not required to complete the COE Core.*
2. Special Education Department Core Courses (15-18 credits), and
  - EEX 5622: Enhancing Collaborations between Schools, Communities, & Families of Students with Special Needs
  - EEX 6225: Assessing Students with Disabilities
  - EEX 6320: Program Evaluation of Special Education Programs,
  - EEX 6480: Instructional Design in Special Education
  - EEX 6515: Special Education Leadership, Policy, & Ethics
  - Supports, & Services
  - *Optional:* EEX 6971: Thesis (3) or EEX 6942: Field Project (3) or
3. Concentration\*\* Area Courses (15-21 credits)
  - Applied Behavior Analysis
  - Autism Spectrum Disorders
  - Early Childhood Special Education

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- Special Education Intervention Specialist
  - \*\*Students completing the ABA concentration complete 21 credits within their concentration; all other concentrations complete 15 credits.*

## Graduation Requirements for Master's in Special Education

These are consistent with FAU and College Education standards. Each candidate for graduation must:

- The student must meet College and University requirements.
- The student must earn grades of "B" or higher in all ESE courses in the program and will be required to repeat any course in which a grade of less than "B" is earned. (A course can be repeated only once.)
- The student must complete a minimum of 36 credits in the program.