

Master's Degree in **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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THE PROGRAM

The **MASTER'S DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION)** is a fully online, 36-42 credit graduate degree that provides students the knowledge and skills for working with students with disabilities. Full-time students may complete this degree within 16-24 months. The intensive, fast-track special education coursework is designed to allow teachers, administrators, or related field personnel to specialize in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), or Special Education Intervention Specialist. Students have the option of seeking teacher certification/endorsement in: ESE K-12, ASD, Pre-K Disabilities; Early Intervention Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist training (ITDS); or preparation for the Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam.

COURSES

SPECIAL EDUCATION CORE – 15-18 credits

- Assessing Students with Disabilities
- Enhancing Collaborations between Schools, Communities, & Families of Students with Special Needs
- Instructional Design in Special Education
- Program Evaluation of Special Education Programs, Supports, & Services
- Special Education Leadership, Policy, & Ethics
- Thesis of Field Project (optional)

RESEARCH & STATISTICS CORE – 6 credits

- Educational Research
- Educational Statistics

CONCENTRATION AREA

Note: Students can choose one (1) or more areas of concentration.

- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) - 21 credits
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) - 15 credits
- Early Childhood Special Education (Pre-K Disabilities and ITDS) - 15 credits
- Special Education Intervention Specialist - 15 credits

Fully Online Degree

Learn more by contacting us!



How to **APPLY**

The image shows the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) logo, which consists of the letters 'FAU' in a large, stylized font. Below the logo is a blue banner with the words 'FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY' in white capital letters. The background of the image shows palm trees and a clear blue sky.

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APPLICATION

To be considered for admission into the Master's program in the Department of Special Education, applicants must complete a graduate application online through FAU's Graduate College at <https://www.fau.edu/graduate>; select *M.Ed. in Special Education*.

Students are admitted for Fall (August) or Spring (January) entry. Application deadlines for fall entry: January 15 (International); or June 1 (Domestic). Spring semester entry: June 15 (International) or October 1 (Domestic).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Domestic Applicants

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

International Applicants

- Bachelor's Degree (w/course-by-course evaluation of international transcripts if applicable)
- An undergraduate 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
- Personal statement not exceeding three double spaced pages, indicating applicant's reasons for pursuing a Master's degree and career goals
- Have attained minimum English proficiency scores within the last two years: TOEFL 500 (paper-based test), or 213 (computer-based test), or 79 (Internet-based test); a score of at least 6.0 on the IELTS; or, Duolingo 110

Complete Graduate College applications are forwarded to the Department of Special Education for a decision.



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