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.