



Master of Education (M.Ed.) Without Teacher Licensure

Course Work

<i>Master of Education Graduate Study Requirements</i>	Credit Hours
Research Methods	3
Required Advanced Course	2
Elective Graduate Courses in Special Education and/or other Departments	26
Total credit hours for the Master of Education (M.Ed.) Without Teacher Licensure	31 Minimum

Research Methods ^o (3 Credit Hours)		Credit Hours	Term Offered*
SP ED 6610	Introduction to Research Methods	3	U

Required Advanced Course (2 Credit Hour)		Credit Hours	Term Offered*
SP ED 6054	Professional Writing in Education	2	F,S, U

Possible Elective Graduate Credit Hours in Special Education or other Departments <i>with advisor approval</i> (26 Credit Hours)		Credit Hours	Term Offered*
SP ED 6650	School-wide Positive Behavioral Support	3	F
SP ED 5020	Special Education Globalization and International Perspectives	3	U
SP ED 7020	Single-Subject Research Design	3	S
	Other courses may be selected from other Departments (with advisor/committee approval) or the following areas in Special Education: Preschool Special Education (Birth-5) and Early Intervention Mild/Moderate Disabilities Severe Disabilities Deaf and Hard of Hearing Visual Impairments Deafblind Education Board Certified Behavior Analyst		

Other Study Requirements [^]

Establish a Supervisory Committee

A student must establish a three-member supervisory committee to advise him or her in completing all study requirements. Upon admission to the Department of Special Education, the student must meet with his/her appointed advisor to establish a timeline for completion of study requirements, including a timeline for establishing the supervisory committee and identifying the committee chair. Master's supervisory committees consist of three faculty members (including tenure-line, career-line, visiting, and emeritus). Unless prior approval has been obtained from the Graduate School, the chair of the supervisory committee and the majority of committee members must be tenured/tenure track faculty in the Department of Special Education. The student may choose to appoint one member of the committee from another department or college at the University of Utah; however, a committee member from another department or college at the University of Utah cannot serve as committee chair. Exceptions to these guidelines must be recommended and justified by the Chair of the Department of Special Education, and approved by the Dean of The Graduate School. Generally, a faculty member from outside of the Department of Special Education should have knowledge and expertise in the student's area of study. All committee members must hold a master's (M.A./M.S./M.Ed.) or doctoral (Ph.D./Ed.D.) degree. For more information, click here: <https://gradschool.utah.edu/catalog/degree.php>

Qualifying and Comprehensive Examinations

The qualifying exam and the comprehensive exam focus on a single topic area identified by the chair of the supervisory committee. The qualifying exam and the comprehensive exam are designed to assess the breadth and depth of the student's knowledge of the research base in his or her specialization area, the ability to synthesize and integrate the knowledge and skills developed in the specialization area, and the ability to communicate ideas in written and oral form.

Successful completion of the qualifying and comprehensive exams requires the student to demonstrate competency in both written and oral communication. The supervisory committee will advise the student with regard to whether the qualifying exam will be a written response or oral response. If the qualifying exam will be a written response, then the comprehensive exam will be an oral response. Conversely, if the qualifying exam will be an oral response, then the comprehensive examination will be a written response. The written and oral responses are described in the following sections.

The qualifying examination must be successfully completed in order to advance to candidacy for the M.Ed. degree. Students must be registered for a minimum of one (1) credit hour during the semester that they complete the qualifying exam. Further, students must be registered for a minimum of one (1) credit hour during the semester that they complete the comprehensive exam.

Continuous Enrollment

All graduate students must be registered for at least one course from the time of formal admissions through completion of all requirements for the degree they are seeking, unless granted an official leave of absence. Students not on campus and not using University facilities are not expected to register for summer term.

Master Degree Residency Requirement

At least 24 credit hours must be in resident study at the University of Utah. Students are expected to complete their master's program within **four years** from the time they are matriculated. Previous graduate work may be applied to the requirements of the program if (a) approved by the student's supervisory committee, and (b) consistent with University Graduate School Policy.

*Semesters, dates and times of courses offered are subject to change.

Contact the department offering the course.

o Students admitted to the program who do not have background in the field of special education may have to take up to a maximum of six additional credit hours as determined by their graduate advisor.

^ Consult the Department of Special Education Graduate Student Handbook for the requirements for completing these study requirements.

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