



Master of Education (M.Ed.) Special Education with Teaching Endorsement in Visual Impairments (K-12)

<i>Teacher Endorsement Requirements ^u</i>	Credit Hours
Teacher Education Core	27-31
Specialization in Visual Impairments	38
<i>Master of Education Graduate Study Requirements</i>	Credit Hours
Advanced Graduate Core	9
Total credit hours for the Master of Education with an Endorsement in Visual Impairments (K-12)	74-78

Teacher Education Core ^o (27-31 Credit Hours)		Credit Hours	Term Offered*
Choose one:			
SP ED 6011	Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Classrooms	3	F,S,U
SP ED 6012	Teaching Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Secondary Classrooms	3	F,S,U
SP ED 6021	Principles of Assessment and Data-Based Decision Making	3	F,S,U
SP ED 6022	Principles of Instruction & Behavior Support	3	F,S,U
SP ED 6030	Functional Communication and Language Development	3	U
SP ED 6040	Legal & Policy Foundations of Special Education	3	S,U
SP ED 6054	Professional Writing in Education	2	F,S,U
Taken concurrently:	Choose an option:		
SP ED 6221	Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Severe Disabilities I	3	F
SP ED 6950	Field Experience: Students with Severe Disabilities	1	F
OR			
SP ED 6260	Transdisciplinary Approaches for Students with Severe Disabilities	3	S
ED PS 6315	Reading Methods I: K-6 (Upper Division Communication and Writing) <i>May be taken prior to or concurrently with EDU 6314 or EDU 6316</i>	3	#
EDU 6314	Choose an option: Reading Practicum K-3: Early Steps <i>May be taken after or concurrently with ED PS 6315</i>	1	#
EDU 6316	Reading Practicum K-3: Next Steps <i>May be taken after or concurrently with ED PS 6315</i>	1	#
ED PS 6321	Reading Methods II: K-6 (Upper Division Communication and Writing) <i>Pre-requisite ED PS 6315 – May be taken prior to or concurrently with EDU 6321</i>	3	#
EDU 6321	Reading Practicum 4-6: Higher Steps <i>May be taken after or concurrently with ED PS 6321</i>	1	#
	Approved upper division course on Cultural or Linguistic Diversity	3	#

Specialization in Visual Impairments (38 Credit Hours)		Credit Hours	Term Offered*
SP ED 6410	Introduction to Visual Impairments <i>Pre-requisite for all VI Specialization Courses</i>	1	U
SP ED 6420	Social and Psychological Implications of Visual Impairments	2	U
SP ED 6430	Ocular Disorders and Examination Techniques/Low Vision	4	F
SP ED 6441	Literary Braille Codes	3	F
SP ED 6443	Field Studies in Visual Impairments I	1	F
SP ED 6442	Nemeth Braille Codes and Technology <i>Pre-requisite SP ED 6441</i>	3	S
SP ED 6450	Teaching Children who are Deafblind	3	U
SP ED 6460	Introduction to Orientation and Mobility	2	U
SP ED 6470	Instructional Management for Students with Visual Impairments	3	S
SP ED 6444	Field Studies in Visual Impairments II	2	S
SP ED 6480	Assistive Technology for Students with Visual Impairments	3	U

Optional:			
SP ED 6490	Instructional Strategies for Young Children with Visual Impairments	3	S
SP ED 6500	Student Teaching: Students with Visual Impairments (5-21)	10	F,S,U

Advanced Graduate Core (9 Credit Hours)		Credit Hours	Term Offered*
SP ED 6610	Introduction to Research Design	3	F,U
	Choose at least 6 additional hours:		
SP ED 6613	Augmentative and Alternative Communication Instructional Strategies (Assistive Technology Course)	3	U ²
SP ED 6620	Parent/Professional Collaboration	3	U
ED PS 6005	Writing Instruction and Assessment: K-6 (Upper Division Communication/Writing Requirements)	3	#
Taken Concurrently:			
EDU 5370	Elementary Science Methods	3	#
ED PS 5442	Integrating Technology into Instruction II: Science	1	#

² Odd years

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.

¶ Students may be recommended for licensure to the Utah State Board of Education following completion of the Teacher License Requirements, Praxis II examination and successful completion of background check.

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

Contact the department offering the course.

◦ Students who hold a valid Utah teaching license in Special Education may not need to complete the following courses. Please check with your faculty advisor.

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

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