



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

NOTE: STUDENTS ENTERING THE PROGRAM SPRING 2021 AND THEREAFTER WILL TYPICALLY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE 20 SUPERVISION CREDIT HOURS (fewer hours may be allowed given individual circumstances)**

Course Work

<i>Master of Education Graduate Study Requirements</i>	Credit Hours
BCBA Courses (including required Professional Writing in Education course SP ED 6054)	23
BCBA Supervision	15-20
Total credit hours for the Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Special Education Without Teacher Licensure-BCBA	38-43

BCBA Courses (23 Credit Hours)		Credit Hours	Term Offered*
SP ED 6022	Principles of Instruction & Behavior Support	3	F,S,U
SP ED 6054	Professional Writing in Education	2	F,S,U
Choose one:			
SP ED 6110	Behavioral Support Strategies for Students with Mild to Moderate Disabilities	3	F
SP ED 6230	Behavioral Support Planning for Students with Severe Disabilities	3	F
ED PS 6620	Interventions for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)	3	U
SP ED 6650	School-wide Positive Behavior Support	3	F
SP ED 7020/ ED PS 7410	Single-Subject Research Design	3	S
ED PS 6390/7390	Interventions in the Schools	3	S
SP ED 6850	Ethics and Professional Behavior for Behavior Analysis	3	S
ED PS 6470/7470	Consultation and Supervision in Applied Settings (<i>required effective Spring 2021</i>)	3	S

BCBA Supervision (15-20 Credit Hours) <i>Four semesters typically required, effective Spring 2021**</i>		Credit Hours	Term Offered*
SP ED 6900	Supervision in Applied Behavior Analysis	5	F,S,U
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****Supervision Credit Hours**

Most students will require four (4) semesters to accrue the necessary number of *BCBA supervised fieldwork practice hours* to become eligible to take the BCBA Certification Exam, and so would typically sign up for 4 semesters of SP ED 6900 for 5 credit hours per semester. In the event that students are unable to accrue the full number of *supervised fieldwork hours* in a given semester they might sign up for fewer *credit hours* in that semester (e.g., 3 or 4). However, they would still need to end up with a minimum of 15 credit hours of SP ED 6900 and complete 2000 hours of supervised fieldwork in order to be eligible to graduate under program requirements.

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 and the student. 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.

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

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