MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
OPTION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION

EFFECTIVE FALL 2016 SEMESTER

The Master of Arts degree in Special Education provides administrators, teachers, and therapists with advanced preparation for work with exceptional learners. MA candidates must incorporate the credential requirements in their area of specialization as a part of their program. (This requirement may be waived for personnel in related fields, such as nurses, occupational or physical therapists, or speech language pathologists.) The MA programs include a choice among a variety of options.

Candidates are encouraged to apply for the MA program during the second or third semester of the credential program, as only 13 pre-approved units may be applied towards the MA degree.

PREREQUISITE (9 units)
*(Prerequisite courses may be taken as part of the program if approved by the program coordinator.)

EDSP 4000 Foundations of Special Education 3
EDSP 4010 Cognitive, Linguistic and Literacy Processes in Individuals with Special Needs 3
EDSP 4030 Student Behavior and Social Interaction Skills: Support for Individuals with Special Needs 3

A. REQUIRED COURSES (12 units)

EDSP 5180 Evidence-Based Practices in Literacy and Curriculum for Young Children with Disabilities 3
EDSP 5150 Interventions for Infants and Young Children with Special Needs 3
EDSP 5160 Medical and Behavioral Characteristics of Young Infants with Special Needs 3
EDSP 5170 Advanced Issues in Early Childhood Special Education 3

C. ELECTIVES (0-12 units)

D. CULMINATING EXPERIENCE (0, 4 units)

EDSP 5960 Comprehensive Examination or 0
EDSP 5990 Thesis or Project Planning and 2
EDSP 5991 Thesis or Project 2

TOTAL UNITS 30

Admission Requirements
In addition to university requirements for admission to graduate study, applicants must
• have a minimum of a 2.75 grade point average in their last 60 semester units attempted.
• have completed (or complete concurrently) requirements for a California credential in special education or equivalent (this requirement may be waived for personnel in related fields, such as nurses, occupational or physical therapists, or speech language pathologists).
• complete all division application procedures.

Advisement
Students should seek advisement for all special education credential and graduate programs in the Division of Special Education and Counseling.