MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
OPTION IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

EFFECTIVE SPRING 2018 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 (6 units)
*(Prerequisite courses may be taken as part of the program if approved by the program coordinator.)
EDSP 4030 Behavior Supports, Social Skills, and Classroom Management 3
EDSP 4630 Augmentative and Alternative Communication in Special Education 3

A. PRELIMINARY CORE REQUIREMENTS (6 units)
EDSP 5800 Research Methods in Special Education 3
EDSP 5801 Problems and Practices in Special Education 3

B. REQUIRED COURSES (19 units)
COUN 5016 Applied Behavior Analysis 3
EDSP 5047 Fieldwork with Students with Disabilities: Autism 4
EDSP 5310 Building Social Competencies of Students with Moderate/Severe Disabilities 3
EDSP 5886 Educating Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders 3
EDSP 5887 Advanced Strategies to Supports Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders 3
EDSP 4160 Working with Families of Young Children with Special Needs 3

C. ELECTIVES (3-6 units)
COUN 6010 Research Methods in Single Subject Design 3
COUN 5012 Legal and Ethical Issues in Applied Behavior Analysis 3
COUN 5018 Behavioral Assessment and Intervention 3
COUN 5022 Analysis and Application of Verbal Behavior 3
EDFN 4400 Educational Foundations: Schooling in a Diverse Society 3
EDFN 5300 Seminar in Advanced Study in Human Development 3
EDSP 5170 Advanced Issues in Early Childhood Special Education 3
EDSP 5881 Transition Planning for Secondary Students with Disabilities 3
EDSP 5811 Seminar: Issues and Strategies for Multicultural Special Education Students 3

D. CULMINATING EXPERIENCE (0.4 units)
EDSP 5960 Comprehensive Examination or 0
EDSP 5990A Thesis Planning or EDSP 5995A Project Planning and 2
EDSP 5990B Thesis or EDSP 5995B Project 2

TOTAL UNITS 31-32

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