MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
OPTION IN VISUAL IMPAIRMENT AND BLINDNESS: ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY

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 (3 units)
*(Prerequisite courses may be taken as part of the program if approved by the program coordinator.)
EDSP 4000 Foundations of 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 (27 units)
EDSP 4650 Medical Aspects of Visual Impairments 2
EDSP 4690 Psychological, Sociological, and Vocational Implications of Visual Impairment and Blindness 2
EDSP 4750 Basic Travel in Orientation and Mobility for the Blind 3
EDSP 4751 Advanced Travel and Assistive Technology in Orientation and Mobility for the Blind 3
EDSP 4760 Instructional Strategies, Individualized Programming, and Diversity in Orientation and Mobility 2
EDSP 5036 Fieldwork in Special Education: Orientation & Mobility 3,3
EDSP 5650 Advanced Seminar in Low Vision 2
EDSP 5680 Functional Skills from the Expanded Core Curriculum for Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired 2
EDSP 5750 Seminar in Orientation and Mobility for Individuals who are Blind 3
EDSP 5760 Seminar in Visual Impairments & Additional Disabilities 2

C. ELECTIVES (0-2 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.
- must 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).
- must 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.