

# MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING **SPECIAL EDUCATION**



**WORK IN SCHOOLS WHILE  
EARNING YOUR DEGREE**

## **NOW IS THE TIME TO BECOME A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

Special education is a rewarding career. Our one-year, fully **ONLINE** master's program will help you earn your degree and obtain a Learning Behavior Specialist I teaching license all while working in the classroom.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

Eastern's special education programs are designed to provide a dynamic core of information. This core functions as a base of specialization in working with students with disabilities across a variety of ages and levels of intervention need. Benefits of this one-year, online program include:

- + **REAL LIFE APPLICATION**
- + **INTEGRATED LEARNING**
- + **ON-THE-JOB TRAINING**
- + **TEACHING EXCELLENCE**
- + **PROVEN SUCCESS**

### **INTEGRATED LEARNING & FIELD EXPERIENCE**

Everything you will learn in the classroom is integrated into what you will experience in professional settings and activities.

While part of our program, you will be provided opportunities for field experiences in school and agency settings. You will work with individuals across the range of disabilities and from age 5 to adulthood.

You don't go through these field experiences alone, either. Throughout your year at EIU, faculty members act as a "coaches" and evaluators. The real-time mentoring from EIU Faculty along with your direct work with students helps develop confident and competent teachers.

### **QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**

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## PROGRAM OF STUDY (36 Semester Credits)

Classes are online/asynchronous, but our faculty will be available to meet with you to address any coursework concerns. During the school year, candidates take one 8-week content course at a time which is paired with the semester-long Residency course. This Residency course is the application of the coursework in your actual school position. We will collaborate with you and your school district to develop a formal program and memorandum of understanding to ensure licensure requirements can be met based on your individual situation.

### SUMMER COURSES

**SPE 5002** Characteristics and Legal Issues in Special Education.

**SPE 5003** Culturally Responsive Family and Professional Partnerships in Special Education

**EDU 5520** Supporting High Quality Instruction Across all Content Areas

**ELE 4890** Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students/English Language Learners: Instructional Methods

### FALL COURSES

**SPE 5004** Assessment and Curricular Programming for Learners with Exceptional Learning Needs (8 weeks)

**SPE 5005** Instructional Strategies/Methods for Teaching Literacy and Numeracy to Students with Diverse Learning Needs (8 weeks)

**SPE 5008** Residency I in Special Education

### SPRING COURSES

**SPE 5006** Classroom and Behavior Management in Special Education (8 weeks)

**SPE 5007** Transition Programming for Learners with Moderate-Intensive Learning Needs (8 weeks)

**SPE 5008** Residency II in Special Education

## CERTIFICATIONS

Upon completion of the program, you may seek an Illinois Professional Educator License with a Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS I) Endorsement. This will enable you to teach students receiving special education services across the K-12 grade levels.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS [APPLY AT EIU.EDU/MYEIU](https://www.eiu.edu/myeiu)

Application materials include:

- Current resume or vita
- Statement of professional goals that is a minimum of two paragraphs in length. This should outline your previous work experience related or unrelated to education, any experiences working or volunteering in schools as well as your reasons and purpose for seeking a Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education degree that will lead to the LBS I Professional Educator License/endorsement through the Illinois State Board of Education.
- The names and contact information of two people who can serve as professional references.
- If applicable, verification of any paraprofessional, substitute teaching, or professional educator license you may possess.
- Official Transcripts

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The State of Illinois has a Special Education Teacher Waiver and a Minority Teacher Scholarship. There is also an opportunity at the Federal level for the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH).

## ACCREDITATION

The university is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The special education program is approved through the Illinois State Board of Education.

