

ADVANCED EDUCATION | MASTER OF SCIENCE: SPECIAL EDUCATION (HIGH INCIDENCE)

Not all students have the same abilities, and some need assistance to overcome developmental challenges. The High-Incidence Special Education Master of Science program concentrates on the practical needs and challenges faced by today’s educators of special needs students. Here are a few points about this graduate degree program:

- The M.S. in High-Incidence Special Education is a 36-credit-hour program.
- You will participate in an online learning environment, which means you can complete this program from wherever you live and work - there are no on-campus requirements.
- Students typically complete their degree in 18-24 months.
- While there are admission requirements, you do not have to complete an entrance exam.
- Technology is infused throughout the curriculum.
- Coursework has been designed to promote reflection and critical thinking.
- You will discover authentic learning experiences with real-life applications.
- The program focuses on action research, best practices, and a case study approach to learning.
- The degree is accredited by both KSDE and CAEP and is aligned with the state standards.

Designed with your need for flexibility, convenience and educational quality in mind, this program’s intensive coursework and personalized faculty mentorship give you the tools you need to succeed in your online classroom as well as in your career.

Our Program is for adding an endorsement in Special Education to an *existing initial teaching license*.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
AEP 803	Educational Research	3
SPED 801	Legal/Professional Issues in Special Education	3
SPED 802	Theories of Exceptionalities and Diversity	3
SPED 804	Behavior Management in Schools/ Practicum	3
SPED 805	Assessment and Lab in Special Education	3
SPED 806	Methods and Materials for Exceptional Students	3
SPED 832	Teaching Reading in Special Education	3
SPED 860	Transition in SPED: Early Childhood to Adulthood	3
SPED 867	Collab & Consultation in Special Education	3

SPED 822	Strategies in High Incidence SPED/ Practicum	3
or SPED 839	Practicum in Special Education II	
Directed Electives		
Select six credit hours from the following:		6
AEP 855	Educational Leadership	
AEP 859	Curriculum and Evaluation of PK-12 Schools	
AEP 866	Fostering Engagement in Today’s Learners	
AEP 867	Instructional Design and Assessment	
AEP 880	Cultural Diversity	
SPED 810	Technology in Special Education	
SPED 823	Autism Spectrum Disorder and Leadership	
SPED 824	Strategies for Leaders and Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder	
SPED 825	Assessment in Autism	
Masters Degree Comprehensive Examination/Assessment		
Total Hours		36

Graduate School Graduation Requirements

All Graduate degrees ¹ require:

- Maintain a C or higher in all coursework.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. (Refer to program)
- A minimum of 30-75 hours of Graduate course work. (Refer to program)
- Comprehensive Examination or equivalent assessment is required. (Master of Liberal Studies requires a Comprehensive Examination **and** Concentration Exam)
- Degree completion within 8 years.

¹ Refer to degree program for any additional requirements.