

MASTERS OF ARTS DEGREE SPECIAL EDUCATION MULTICATEGORICAL SPED K-12
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Prerequisites:

1. Students must have K-12 Growth and Development as a prerequisite at the undergraduate level or must take the equivalent course at the graduate level as a support course.

Program Policies--All students in the M.A. Multicategorical K-12 Special Education Program will need to:

1. Complete all of the core teacher education courses in addition to their program of study in Multicategorical Special Education if they have not completed an elementary or secondary teaching program.
2. Complete a 10 week full-time internship (i.e. half in an elementary setting and half in a secondary setting) at the completion of their program that will be equivalent to the State mandated student teaching requirements.
3. Pass the Praxis 20353 Education of Exceptional Students: Content Knowledge exam **before** they are allowed to enroll in SPED 794 Internship,
4. Pass the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching exam OR present verification from the State of South Dakota of passing the exam or being "grandfathered in" **before** they complete SPED 794 Internship.
5. Have their scores sent to USD and also send a copy of the scores to their advisor. Please see Student Services in Rm 113 for further information.
6. Complete written comprehensive exams at the end of the program.

Core Requirements:

EDER 761	Introduction to Graduate Study	3
SPED 703	Educational Needs of Exceptional Persons	3
SPED 705	Adv. Family/Professional Collaboration	2
SPED 715	Behavior Management	3
SPED 780	Assessment of Persons with Disabilities	3
SPED 517	Vocational-Transitional Programming	2
SPED 794	Internship/Field Experience in Special Education	3
		19 credits

Specialized Coursework:

SPED 708	Low Incidence Disabilities	2
SPED 731	Educating Students with Learning Disabilities	3
SPED 795	Practicum in Special Education	1
Two of the Following:		
SPED 710	Survey: Mental Disabilities	2
SPED 730	Survey: Learning Disabilities	2
SPED 740	Survey: Behavior Disorders	2
		10 credits

Supporting Coursework:

ELED 757	Assessment and Remediation of Reading Difficulties	3
	Additional Supporting Coursework	2
		5 credits
	Total Program	34 hours

Requirements for Students Seeking Initial Certification through the Masters Degree in Special Education

Beyond the coursework indicated on the Multicategorical Program sheet in special education, the following courses must also be completed for students seeking initial teacher licensure. IF you have had any of these additional certification courses at the undergraduate level at another institution, you can request a substitution for a course listed below.

Name of Course	Date Completed or Approved Course Substitution
EDFN 338 Foundations of American Education -2 credits	
EPSY 440 Growth and Development Through the School Years -3 credits	
ELED 757 Assessment and Remediation of Reading Difficulties-3 cr. (Every summer)	
EPSY 302 Educational Psychology or EPSY 741 Advanced Psychology	
EDFN 475/575 Human Relations -3 credits	
INED 411/511 South Dakota Indian Studies-3 credits	
SPED 795 Practicum in Special Education (Early field experience-prior to the internship)	