This program is not accepting applications at this time. Applicants interested in the MA in Special Education program should apply directly to the Applied Behavior Analysis concentration.

The MA program in special education supports practicing professionals improving their skills in PreK-12 and community settings. This is a non-certification degree to advance the capacity of professionals, communities of practice, and school and other service systems to provide education and related services in inclusive and least-restrictive settings.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Special Education

Graduates from the MA program in special education will be able to design and deliver education and related services for populations with diverse needs. The skills developed through this degree program include systematic planning for all individuals, support of positive behavior, and advocacy for new, research-based approaches to education and related services.

At a Glance

- College/School: Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- Location: Tempe campus or online

Degree Requirements

Required Core (12 credit hours)
SPE 564 Controversial Therapies: Science, Fad and Pseudoscience in Educational Settings (3)
SPE 565 Behavior Change Systems (3)
SPE 566 Applied Behavior Analysis in Inclusive Settings (3)
SPE 568 Behavior Assessment (3)

Electives or Research (15 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
SPE 593 Applied Project (3) or
SPE 597 Capstone (3)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in education or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. letter of intent or written statement
4. professional resume
5. three letters of recommendation
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.
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