

Texas A&M International University

College of Education

Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy

Master of Science in Special Education

Mission

The mission of the Master of Science in Special Education is to prepare highly effective special education professionals that use scholarly inquiry in leadership roles when providing evidence-based educational programs and services for individuals with exceptionalities.

Philosophy

After mastering initial education professional standards, many educators continue their professional growth toward mastery of advanced professional standards at the masters' program level. For some this means deepening their understandings and expertise and adding new responsibilities for leadership within the classroom. Some special educators choose to specialize their knowledge educating individuals with a given disability, age-range or functional area. Others work toward assuming functions outside the classroom, moving into specializations, administering special education programs and services, or moving into teacher preparation and research roles. Still others choose to work with individuals with exceptionalities outside of the P-12 setting. Our program will help you obtain your professional goals whichever path you take.

Degree Plan

The Master of Science Degree in Special Education requires the completion of 36 hours of graduate coursework. The required core curriculum is comprised of 24 hours. Additionally, students take 12-15 hours in a minor curriculum. You may choose to minor in educational diagnostics, reading, applied behavior analysis or autism. Other minors may be worked out with your advisor. TAMIU also offers coursework towards a professional certificate in educational diagnostics (TExES Test Code - 153)

Career Opportunities

Students who complete the Master of Science in Special Education may have opportunities in positions such as:

- Instructional Coordinator
- Curriculum Specialist
- Literacy Educator
- Educational Consultant
- Adult Education Program Designer
- Staff Development Specialist
- Educational Technologist.



Application Process

1. Submit the Application for Graduate Admission. Apply at www.applytexas.org.
2. Pay the Graduate Application Fee of \$35.00; late fee, \$25.00 at <http://www.tamui.edu/gradschool>
Click the Pay Online button. (Deadlines listed below)
3. Write a student narrative describing your career goals, academic aspirations, and timetable.
Narrative must contain a minimum of 300 words.
4. Submit official college/university transcript(s), from institutions other than Texas A&M International University, must be sent directly from each institution attended. Degree must be posted on transcript
The degree must be from a college or university of recognized standing with degrees from institutions outside the US evaluated for equivalence to US degrees.
5. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of all students having academic studies from a country where English is not the native language.

Undergraduate GPA, and life experience will be considered in admission decisions.

Spring application deadline is **Nov. 30.**
Fall & Summer application deadline is **April 30.**



For More Information

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