

# Master's Degree in **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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## THE PROGRAM

The **MASTER'S DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION)** is a fully online, 36-42 credit graduate degree that provides students the knowledge and skills for working with students with disabilities. Full-time students may complete this degree within 16-24 months. The intensive, fast-track special education coursework is designed to allow teachers, administrators, or related field personnel to specialize in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), or Special Education Intervention Specialist. Students have the option of seeking teacher certification/endorsement in: ASD, ESE K-12, Pre-K Disabilities; Early Intervention Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist training (ITDS); or preparation for the Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam.

## COURSES

### SPECIAL EDUCATION CORE – 15-18 credits

- Assessing Students with Disabilities
- Enhancing Collaborations between Schools, Communities, & Families of Students with Special Needs
- Instructional Design in Special Education
- Program Evaluation of Special Education Programs, Supports, & Services
- Special Education Leadership, Policy, & Ethics
- Thesis of Field Project (optional)

### RESEARCH & STATISTICS CORE – 6 credits

- Educational Research
- Educational Statistics

### CONCENTRATION AREA

Note: Students can choose one (1) or more areas of concentration.

- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) - 21 credits
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) - 15 credits
- Early Childhood Special Education (Pre-K Disabilities and ITDS) - 15 credits
- Special Education Intervention Specialist - 15 credits

*Fully Online Degree*

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# How to APPLY

A large, white, three-dimensional sign for Florida Atlantic University (FAU) is mounted on a blue and white structure. The letters 'FAU' are prominently displayed in a large, serif font. Below them, the words 'FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY' are written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The sign is set against a backdrop of palm trees and a clear blue sky with some clouds.

## APPLICATION

To be considered for admission into the Master's program in the Department of Special Education, applicants must complete a graduate application online through FAU's Graduate College at <https://www.fau.edu/graduate>; select *M.Ed. in Special Education*.

Students are admitted for Fall (August) or Spring (January) entry. Application deadlines for fall entry: July 1 (Domestic) or February 15 (International); Spring semester entry: November 1 (Domestic) or July 15 (International).

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### Domestic Applicants

- Bachelor's Degree
- An undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 or if GPA is below 3.0, applicants may submit 1 letter of recommendation from (education related field) employer or current/former university instructor
- Personal statement not exceeding three double spaced pages, indicating applicant's reasons for pursuing a Master's degree and career goals

### International Applicants

- Bachelor's Degree (w/course-by-course evaluation of international transcripts if applicable)
  - An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 or if GPA is below 3.0, applicants may submit 1 letter of recommendation from (education related field) employer or current/former university instructor
  - Personal statement not exceeding three double spaced pages, indicating applicant's reasons for pursuing a Master's degree and career goals
  - Have attained minimum English proficiency scores within the last two years: TOEFL 500 (paper-based test), or 213 (computer-based test), or 79 (Internet-based test); a score of at least 6.0 on the IELTS; or, Duolingo 110.
- Complete Graduate College applications are forwarded to the Department of Special Education for a decision.**



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