

Master's Degree in SPECIAL EDUCATION with **EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION**



THE PROGRAM

The **Master's Degree in Special Education** with a concentration in **EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION** is a fully online graduate degree, which can be completed in as little as 16 months. The rich curriculum provides students with foundations and specialized training to work with young children with special needs or disabilities across a variety of education and care settings. Students completing this program and additional requirements, are eligible to apply for Early Steps' Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist (ITDS) Certification and the Florida Department of Education Add-on Teaching Certificate (Pre-K/Grade 3 Endorsement).

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 or Field Project (optional)

RESEARCH & STATISTICS CORE – 6 credits

- Educational Research
- Educational Statistics

EARLY CHILDCARE SPECIAL EDUCATION (PRE-K DISABILITIES AND ITDS) – 15 credits

- Atypical Development Early Childhood ESE
- Early Intervention Services
- Family & Community Resources in Early Childhood Special Education
- Methods in Early Childhood Special Education
- Survey & Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education

Fully Online Degree

Learn more by contacting us!



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: February 15 (International) or July 1 (Domestic). Spring semester entry: July 15 (International) or November 1 (Domestic).

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.***

