New cohort to begin August 2018

master of arts in education
Special Education: Consultant Emphasis

This innovative program focuses on the application of an instructional coaching/consultation model to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. In addition, this program creates pathways to increase the number of professional leaders in special education, while maintaining direct engagement between excellent teacher-leaders and classrooms.

Program highlights

• Learn to coordinate, supervise and evaluate the implementation of evidence-based instructional programs for students with disabilities.

• Coaches will develop competencies in using research-based content teaching strategies, integrating appropriate technology into learning experiences and implementing MTSS to close achievement gaps.

• Consultants will receive professional development in curriculum development design and the consultation process (examination, analysis and application of a methodological model for consulting with teachers).

• Practice the performance-based application of competencies and skills with a minimum of 90 contact hours. Mentors who are currently serving as instructional coaches, team leaders or consultants will also be assigned to support students.

Flexible learning for a busy life

Courses are offered in eight-week sessions using a combination of Adobe Connect, a desktop video conferencing system, and online via eLearning, a Blackboard learning management system which will enhance your learning experience and sense of community with fellow classmates. Courses utilizing Adobe Connect will be scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

▶ see reverse side for more details

Have questions?

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August 2018

**Invest in your future**

All students pay the same tuition, regardless of location, making this program an affordable investment for **advancing your career** and **increasing your earning power**. Tuition for 2017-18 is $498 per unit of graduate credit, plus a technology fee of $38 per course. Tuition and fees are expected to rise each May, as determined by the Iowa Board of Regents.

**Financial aid may be available** for students who qualify, based on number of units per semester. [finaid.uni.edu](http://finaid.uni.edu)

**Visit**

distance.uni.edu/special-education

Complete the online interest form and receive further instructions on how to get started.

**Ready to apply?**

We encourage you to apply for admission to graduate studies through the University of Northern Iowa as soon as possible. Applications received by May 15, 2018 will receive full consideration. Visit our website for detailed instructions.

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**Course sequence (tentative)**

30 total units of credit | units of credit in parentheses following course titles

**Fall 2018**

- **SPED 6240***: Collaborative Consultation I: The Relationship (3)
- **SPED 6260***: Special Education Law and Policy (3)
- **SPED 6290***: Practicum (1)

**Spring 2019**

- **SPED 6245***: Collaborative Consultation II: The Process (3)
- **SPED 6290***: Practicum (2)

**Summer 2019**

- **EDPSYCH 6214**: Foundations of Instructional Psychology (3)
- **MEASRES 6205**: Educational Research (3)

**Fall 2019**

- **ELEMECML 6286***: Studies in Analyzing and Creating Early Childhood Curriculum (3) 
  or approved substitute
- **SPED 6289***: Seminar (3)

**Spring 2020**

- **SPED 6285**: Readings in Special Education (3)
- **SPED 6299**: Research (3-6)

**Thesis students will enroll in SPED 6299 for 6 units of credit. Non-thesis students will enroll in SPED 6299 for 3 units of credit, in addition to SPED 6285.**

**Summer 2020**

Complete research/comprehensive exam

Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are applicable to the Special Education Consultant endorsement and Instructional Coaching Certificate (4 years of teaching experience is required to earn the endorsement).

Delivery of program is subject to minimum enrollment requirements.

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“This program was very convenient, but still felt like I was able to have that face-to-face experience in collaborating with peers. I was able to ask specific questions to the professor as well as peers.”

– Special Education: Consultant Emphasis MAE student