SPECIAL EDUCATION MAEs
• Consultant Emphasis
• Field Specialization Emphasis

CONSULTANT EMPHASIS
This innovative program focuses on the application of an instructional coaching/consultation model. We aim to improve outcomes for students with disabilities and create pathways to increase the number of professional leaders in special education. This is all while maintaining direct engagement between excellent teacher-leaders and classrooms.

FIELD SPECIALIZATION EMPHASIS
This graduate program will prepare master teachers to serve as highly-effective, highly-qualified special education teachers to improve outcomes for children with disabilities. Through this graduate degree program, Iowa teachers have the opportunity to specialize in one of two areas:

- Instructional practices for educating K-12 students with significant cognitive disabilities, earning endorsement in K-12 Instructional Strategist II: Intellectual Disabilities
- Instructional practices for educating 5-12 students with mild disabilities, earning endorsement in 5-12 Instructional Strategist I: Mild/Moderate

New cohorts to begin AUGUST 2020

TOP TEN REASONS FOR EARNING A MASTER’S DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

10. Designed with your busy schedule in mind - courses offered at convenient times and completed entirely online
9. Enhance your expertise with additional endorsements
8. Elevate your career and move up the pay scale
7. Earn credit toward your teaching license renewal and earn a scholarship to reduce costs
6. Advance your knowledge of accessible technology, including AAC
5. An emphasis is placed on collaboration for strength-based IEPs
4. Deepen your knowledge base of engagement, behavior, and relationships
3. Strong focus on high quality instruction and assessment
2. You will gain a comprehensive approach to literacy instruction
1. Become a better educator for ALL students

APPLY ONLINE
We encourage you to apply online at admissions.uni.edu/apply as soon as possible. Applications received by April 17, 2020, will receive full consideration. Visit our website for detailed instructions.

NOT READY TO APPLY?
Visit distance.uni.edu/special-education-masters to complete an online interest form and receive additional information.

HAVE QUESTIONS?
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Course sequences (tentative)
30 total units of credit | units in parentheses following course titles

Consultant Emphasis:

Summer 2020
EDPSYCH 6214 Foundations of Instructional Psychology (3)
MEASRES 6205 Educational Research (3)

Fall 2020
SPED 6260* Special Education Law and Policy (3)
SPED 6293* Qualitative Research in Special Education (3)

Spring 2021
SPED 6240* Collaborative Consultation I: The Relationship (3)
SPED 6289* Seminar (3)
SPED 6290* Practicum (1)

Summer 2021
No courses this semester.

Fall 2021
SPED 6245* Collaborative Consultation II: The Process (3)
SPED 6290* Practicum (2)

Spring 2022
SPED 6285 Readings in Special Education (3)
SPED 6299 Research (3-6)

Thesis students will enroll only 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.

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).

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Summer 2020
EDPSYCH 6214 Foundations of Instructional Psychology (3)
MEASRES 6205 Educational Research (3)

Fall 2020
SPED 6260 Special Education Law and Policy (3)
SPED 6293 Qualitative Research in Special Education (3)

Spring 2021
SPED 6289 Seminar in Special Education (3)
SPED 6295 Single-Subject Research Applications (3)

Summer 2021
No courses this semester.

Fall 2021
Elective coursework (6)
Students take Strategist I or Strategist II endorsement coursework, or interest area of choice.

Spring 2022
SPED 6285 Readings in Special Education (3)
SPED 6299 Research (3)

Delivery of these programs is subject to minimum enrollment requirements.

FLEXIBLE DELIVERY
Courses are offered entirely online using Blackboard, an learning management system, and Zoom interactive video conferencing sessions, to be held on Tuesday evenings; these platforms allow students to enhance their learning experience while building a sense of community.

AFFORDABILITY
UNI strives to make graduate education an affordable investment. Financial aid is available for students who qualify, based on number of units per semester and financial need.

Financial aid
Students must submit a FAFSA to be considered for federal financial aid. Questions may be directed to the UNI Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.
319-273-2700 | fin-aid@uni.edu

For more information, visit finaid.uni.edu/financing-graduate-school.

Scholarship available!
A $1,000 scholarship is available for qualified students. This scholarship may be renewed. To learn more and to apply, visit distance.uni.edu/cde-scholarship.

Tuition & fees for 2019-20*
$509 per unit of graduate credit
$38 technology fee per course
$100 records and documents fee (Covers all transcripts and other fees. Charged at the time of graduation.)

*Tuition and fees may be adjusted by the Iowa Board of Regents and are expected to increase in May.

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