SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

SPECIAL EDUCATION, M.S. - AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

For further information: SpecialEdGrad@southerncit.edu

Application Deadline

Rolling admissions

All Master’s degrees in special education require 30 credits, as well as a culminating experience. Some graduate courses may require field experiences. Courses should not be taken without an adviser’s approval.

Graduate students can work towards a Master of Science degree in Special Education in a variety of concentration areas, including Learning Disabilities, Emotional Behavioral Disorders, Assistive Technology, Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities and Interdisciplinary Special Education. Sixth-year professional diplomas in Applied Behavior Analysis and Assistive Technology are also offered.

Admission and program requirements are as follows:

• 3.0 minimum undergraduate GPA
• The program must include 30 credits at the 500 level or above
• Each student must choose an area of concentration for the master's program from the following:
  • Interdisciplinary
  • Learning Disabilities
  • Emotional Behavioral Disorders
  • Adaptive Technology
  • Autism Spectrum Disorders and other Developmental Disabilities

An interview, essay and two letters of recommendation are required for admission. However, additional materials may be required. Contact the Special Education Office for information on acceptance to the program.

Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Development Disabilities — 30 Credits

• SED 512 — Curriculum Methods and Materials for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities (3-Credits)
• SED 514 — Transition Within Disability Services (3-Credits)
• SED 520 — Nature and Needs of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities (3-Credits)
• SED 531 — Research in Special Education (3-Credits)
• SED 610 — Applied Behavioral Analysis in Education Settings (3-Credits)
• SED/CMD 652 — Assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorders (3-Credits)

*12 credits of graduate electives may be chosen from special education or related courses with advisor approval, but these may not be credits that have been applied to a previous degree. These courses may be any graduate level course in the College of Arts and Science, College of Education, or College of Health and Human Services.

*Comprehensive exam in Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities is Required.

Special Education Comprehensive Examination Schedule

• Fall — Study Session: to be announced (see website). Comprehensive Examination: Typically given on the third Saturday in November, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
• Spring — Study Session: to be announced (see website). Comprehensive Examination: Typically given on the first Saturday in June, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.