MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
OPTION IN MODERATE/SEVERE DISABILITIES

EFFECTIVE FALL 2016 SEMESTER

The Master of Arts degree in Special Education provides administrators, teachers, and therapists with advanced preparation for work with exceptional learners. MA candidates must incorporate the credential requirements in their area of specialization as a part of their program. (This requirement may be waived for personnel in related fields, such as nurses, occupational or physical therapists, or speech language pathologists.) The MA programs include a choice among a variety of options.

Candidates are encouraged to apply for the MA program during the second or third semester of the credential program, as only 13 pre-approved units may be applied towards the MA degree.

PREREQUISITE (3 units) *(Prerequisite courses may be taken as part of the program if approved by the program coordinator.)
EDSP 4000 Foundations of Special Education 3

A. PRELIMINARY CORE REQUIREMENTS (6 units)
EDSP 5800 Research Methods in Special Education 3
EDSP 5801 Problems and Practices in Special Education 3

B. REQUIRED COURSES (15 units)
EDSP 4310 Curriculum and Instructional Methods for Students with Moderate/Severe Disabilities 3
EDSP 5310 Building Social Competencies of Students with Moderate/Severe Disabilities 3
EDSP 5370 Teacher Created Assessments for Students with Moderate/Severe Disabilities 3
EDSP 5380 Seminar in Moderate to Severe Disabilities 3
EDSP 5881 Transition Planning for Secondary Students with Disabilities 3

C. ELECTIVES (9 units)

D. CULMINATING EXPERIENCE (0, 4 units)
EDSP 5960 Comprehensive Examination or 0
EDSP 5990 Thesis or Project Planning and 2
EDSP 5991 Thesis or Project 2

TOTAL UNITS 30-34

Admission Requirements
In addition to university requirements for admission to graduate study, applicants must
- have a minimum of a 2.75 grade point average in their last 60 semester units attempted.
- have completed (or complete concurrently) requirements for a California credential in special education or equivalent (this requirement may be waived for personnel in related fields, such as nurses, occupational or physical therapists, or speech language pathologists).
- complete all division application procedures.

Advisement
Students should seek advisement for all special education credential and graduate programs in the Division of Special Education and Counseling.