

# SPECIAL EDUCATION

## BIRTH - GRADE 8 & GRADES 7-12

MASTER OF EDUCATION  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

[www.sru.edu/B8-712](http://www.sru.edu/B8-712)



### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This program is designed to be a fifth-year of study beyond the undergraduate preparation in special education or in a general education area. It provides for a continuation of studies initiated during undergraduate preparation, and permits students to develop state-of-the-art competencies in the field of special education. General education teachers with certification in early childhood, elementary education or a PK-12 certification such as music, art, physical education, etc. are eligible for this program.

For the 7-12 Special Education Program entrance requirements include a secondary content certification such as English, math, history, etc. or a PK-12 cert in an area such as music, art, physical education, etc. Professionals who possess an early childhood or elementary education certification only are not eligible for the 7-12 Special Education Program.



### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SRU's Master Teacher Program in Special Education offers:

- 100% online program ideal for the working professional
- World class faculty considered to be the leaders in Special Education in Pennsylvania
- A curriculum grounded in theory and research supported by a practical hands-on approach
- Pennsylvania Department of Education approved and aligned with the standards from the Council of Exceptional Children
- An option to complete the program in one calendar year

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. Official undergraduate transcripts from the applicant's baccalaureate granting institution and any graduate transcripts (if applicable)
2. Copy of teaching certification, a Pennsylvania certificate is not required
3. Resume
4. Two electronic reference forms: One from a faculty member with knowledge of the applicant's academic abilities and one from a professional reference, i.e. school administrator, teacher, or supervisor with knowledge of the applicant's professional attributes or two from professional references. Recommendations must be on the appropriate forms, which are available electronically at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate), under "Forms"

Unconditional admission may be offered to applicants who submit acceptable credentials as listed above, and who have earned an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher (based on a 4.0 scale). Applicants who do not meet all of the above criteria may be offered conditional admission upon recommendation of the graduate coordinator and approval by the Director of Graduate Admissions. Applicants should have their final official transcripts forwarded directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions.



### TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate). Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office at [www.sru.edu/FinAid](http://www.sru.edu/FinAid) or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

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## BIRTH - GRADE 8 CURRICULUM - (36 CREDITS)

### Foundations of Special Education (15 credits):

- SPED 601: Advanced Studies in Learning Disabilities
- SPED 611: Special Education Law
- SPED 628: Developmental Disabilities
- SPED 640: Advanced Study of Autism Spectrum Disorders
- SPED 644: Advanced Study of Emotional Spectrum Disorders & Behavioral Disorders

### Research (3 credits):

- SPED 617: Current Research in Special Education

### Courses in Special Education (15 credits):

- SPED 607: Positive Classroom Interventions
- SPED 618: Developing Integrated Language and Literacy Programs for Students with Disabilities
- SPED 625: Instructional Strategies for Learning and Behavioral Problems
- SPED 645: Early Intervention for Young Learners with Special Needs
- SPED 646: Assessment and Evaluation

### Practicum (3 credits):

- SPED 648: Clinical Practicum in Special Education

## GRADES 7 - 12 CURRICULUM (36 CREDITS)

### Foundations of Special Education (15 credits):

- SPED 601: Advanced Studies in Learning Disabilities
- SPED 611: Special Education Law
- SPED 628: Developmental Disabilities
- SPED 640: Advanced Studies of Autism Spectrum Disorders
- SPED 644: Advanced Study of Emotional Spectrum Disorders & Behavioral Disorders

### Research (3 credits):

- SPED 617: Current Research in Special Education

### Courses in Special Education (15 credits):

- SPED 607: Positive Classroom Interventions
- SPED 618: Developing Integrated Language and Literacy Programs for Students with Disabilities
- SPED 625: Instructional Strategies for Learning and Behavioral Problems
- SPED 647: Transition for Persons with Disabilities

### Practicum (3 credits):

- SPED 648: Clinical Practicum in Special Education
- SPED 646: Assessment and Evaluation

## CLEARANCES

Clearances are due no later than one (1) week prior to deadline for course registration for each program's practicum/field experience. No student will be permitted to register for the program's practicum and take part in practicum/field experiences without clear clearances on file at SRU. Students are to send the following by the due date:

- Clear Act 34 Criminal History Record NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission.
- Clear Act 114 FBI Record Check NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission.
- Clear Act 151 Child Abuse Background Check NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission.
- Act 24 Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Students must file an updated Act 24 with SRU if any additional arrests convictions occur while enrolled at SRU.

## PROGRAM AWARDS



## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:

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