



MINNESOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY
MANKATO



Special Education Pipeline Grant Partnership

The Minnesota State University, Mankato Special Education program is prepared to fully partner with Minnesota School Districts in preparing future Special Education teachers who will serve your students, families, and communities at a high level.



PATHWAYS TO TEACHING

Whether your future Special Education teachers possess a high school diploma, some post-secondary credits, an associate degree, or a bachelor's degree in an area other than education, our undergraduate and graduate program will prepare candidates to earn their degree and initial teacher licensure in special education and to become Tier 3 educators.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

SPECIAL EDUCATION ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIST BS

SPECIAL EDUCATION MS

SPECIAL EDUCATION ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIST GC

SPECIAL EDUCATION AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS GC

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES GC

SPECIAL EDUCATION EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL ED GC

SPECIAL EDUCATION EMOTIONAL BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS GC

SPECIAL EDUCATION LEARNING DISABILITIES GC

STANDARDS OF EFFECTIVE PRACTICE FOR TEACHERS GC

THEORY AND PRACTICE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION GC

FACULTY & STAFF, SPECIAL EDUCATION

APPLY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

PROJECT PASS-IT

SPED PIPELINE GRANT PARTNERSHIP

QUESTIONS? ASK STOMPER



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Licensure & Degree Programs

Licensure Programs

- Academic and Behavioral Strategist (ABS)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Developmental Disabilities (DD)
- Emotional Behavioral Disorders (EBD)
- Learning Disabilities (LD)
- Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Graduate Degree

- Master of Science

Graduate Program Features

- Online, asynchronous classes
- Six semesters to completion
 - ✓ Initial licensure - 48 credits without MS (+7 credits for MS)
 - *MS can be completed during 6 semesters (heavy load) or over three semesters after licensure completion.*
- Summer, fall, and spring classes
- Student teach in your own classroom

GRADUATE ABS K12 LICENSURE PROGRAM

SUMMER 1

605- Individuals with Diverse and Exceptional Needs (3 credits)
645- Assessment and Decision Making (4 credits)
509- Educational Psychology (3 credits)

FALL 1

514- Elementary Literacy Methods (4 credits)
614- Secondary Literacy Methods (4 credits)

SPRING 1

548- Behavior Supports and Management (4 credits)
615- Math Methods (4 credits)
619- Education and Assistive Technology (3 credits)

SUMMER 2

513- Professional Growth and Development (3 credits)
511- Instructional Design (3 credits)

FALL 2

639- Collaboration, Consultation, and Transition (4 credits)
661- Special Education Law (3 credits)

SPRING 2

670- Student Teaching (3 credits)
656- Student Teaching Seminar (3 credits)

OTHER INFORMATION

License:

K12 Academic and Behavioral Strategist

Three additional courses (7 credits total)
to complete the Master's degree

All courses are asynchronous online

Flexible field experiences in your own
classroom/district

Student teach in your own classroom

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GRADUATE ASD LICENSURE PROGRAM

SUMMER 1

605- Individuals with Diverse and Exceptional Needs (3 credits)
645- Assessment and Decision Making (4 credits)
509- Educational Psychology (3 credits)

FALL 1

514- Elementary Literacy Methods (4 credits)
684- ASD: Program Design and Implementation (4 credits)

SPRING 1

548- Behavior Supports and Management (4 credits)
619- Education and Assistive Technology (3 credits)

SUMMER 2

513- Professional Growth and Development (3 credits)
511- Instructional Design (3 credits)
685- ASD: Medical and Community Supports (4 credits)

FALL 2

639- Collaboration, Consultation, and Transition (4 credits)
661- Special Education Law (3 credits)

SPRING 2

686- Student Teaching (3 credits)
656- Student Teaching Seminar (3 credits)

OTHER INFORMATION

License:
B12 Autism Spectrum Disorders

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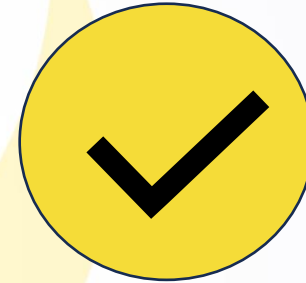
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Admission Requirements



Bachelor's Degree



3.0 GPA

Graduate Studies Application Process

1

Grant Funded Application Fee

- SW Minnesota Special Education provides list of grantees to MSU, Mankato

2

Graduate Application Fee Code provided Pipeline Grant awardee

3

Apply to Graduate Studies

- <https://www.mnsu.edu/future-students/graduate/apply/>
- Transcript
- Resume
- Current tier 1 or 2 license if applicable

**Apply by
April 15th
for
Summer 2024**

Scan QR code
to apply through
GradCAS



Add Programs step in the application -
Select Graduate Certificate in Special Education for the license only and Master's of Science in Special Education for the Master's degree and license.

What to expect after submitting your application

- Check your email (the email address you used in your application)!
- Watch for messages from...
 - The University regarding your admissions decision
 - The Department of Special Education Graduate Advising Assistant (Kim Isley)
 - Schedule an intake zoom meeting to develop a plan of study and learn more about program requirements
- University Orientation – no fee – self guided

Books

- Grant funded
- University Bookstore – Follett
 - Efficient process for billing to Pipeline Grant



Undergraduate instead of graduate?

- Online undergraduate options
- Meets the needs to work full-time while gaining a degree/licensure
- Synchronous and asynchronous learning
- Established partnerships with two-year community colleges for student-friendly transfer pathways
- Move through with a cohort



Questions???

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I love my job as a special education teacher! I was well prepared to understand and take on all the aspects of the job – from collaborating with colleagues, administrators and families to using evidence-based practices with my students.

I have learned to problem solve in so many different ways - to advocate for my students and myself when things are not exactly as they should be.

When you find a thing you love, you want to learn more and to do better. That's why I started the graduate program at Mankato – there's no better place to be!

-Gloria, Special Education Teacher, alum of the ABS undergraduate program and current graduate student.