

ED.M. PROGRAM IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

General Studies

- I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The master's degree program in special education provides advanced graduate preparation for both certified special and general education teachers.

The program does **not** include coursework leading to teacher certification in special education. Students with an earned bachelor's degree in a related field who are interested in initial teacher certification in special education should contact the Office of Student and Academic Services at 848-932-3232.

Course work and internship experiences address the instructional needs of students with mild and moderate disabilities. The 36-credit program is composed of a special education core (18 credits); a learning, cognition, and development (LCD) requirement (6 credits); educational statistics, measurement, and evaluation courses (6 credits); and electives (6 credits).

The 18-credit special education core is required of all students. This core develops competencies in the assessment and remediation of students with learning disabilities, collaborative teaching/consultation skills, and knowledge about New Jersey special education law.

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- II. APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

Fall admission - February 1 deadline
Spring admission - October 15 deadline
Summer admission - May 15 deadline

- III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must provide the following before the deadline:

1. Personal statement
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts

- IV. HOW TO APPLY:** Applications are submitted online at the Graduate Admissions website:

<http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/>

1. Click on "Apply Now" and follow the instructions given.
2. Choose "Degree Application", for Application Type.
3. For Program Name choose "Education: Special Education" from the drop down menu.
4. Across from "Education: Special Education 15293", click the link for the semester you want to apply for.
5. Under First Preference Concentration, choose "**Non-Certification**". (2nd and 3rd preferences can be left blank.)
6. Complete the application by providing the requested information.
7. Supporting materials must be submitted online or mailed to the Graduate Admissions office at Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions (New Brunswick), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 65 Davidson Road, Room 200L, Piscataway, NJ 08854-5602 U.S.A.
8. Enter payment information for the non-refundable application fee.
9. Submit your application and authorize payment for the non-refundable application fee.

V. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	
			Grad	Total
Special Education Core (required)	15:293:522	Learning Disabilities	3	12
	15:293:525	Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	
	15:293:526	Identification and Assessment of Learning Disabilities	3	
	15:293:527	Remediation of Learning Disabilities	3	
Special Education Core (select 2)	15:293:521	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	3	6
	15:293:529	Instructional Decision Making in Special Education	3	
	15:293:610	New Jersey Special Education Law	3	
	15:293:630	Current Topics in Special Education	3	
Educational Statistics, Measurement, & Evaluation	15:291:515	Psychometric Theory I	3	6
	15:291:531	Statistical Methods I	3	
Learning, Cognition, & Development*	15:290:583	Biological Bases of Behavior	3	6
	15:295:580	Psychology of Learning	3	
Electives	Grad Level	Select courses in consultation with an advisor.	6	6
Total Credits			36	36

* Or another LCD course approved by advisor.

VI. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION: No comprehensive examination is required.

VII. PROGRAM FACULTY:

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