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. Current Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores (Any test scores submitted must be less than 5 years old as of the application deadline. Scores must be official, not self-reported.)
4. 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, 56 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8530.
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:**

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**Total Credits** 36

* Or another LCD course approved by advisor.

**VI. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION:** No comprehensive examination is required.

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