SPECIAL EDUCATION - ED.S.

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
www.kent.edu/ehhs/ldes

About This Program
The Special Education Ed.S. program provides the knowledge and skills you need to create inclusive and equitable learning environments for all students. With a focus on evidence-based practices and individualized instruction, you’ll be prepared to address the unique needs of each student you serve. Join us and become an advocate for exceptional learners, equipped with the tools to provide a high-quality education for all.

Contact Information
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• Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

Program Delivery
• Delivery:
  • In person
  • Location:
    • Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Education administrators, all other
• 8.1% much faster than the average
• 52,100 number of jobs
• $87,580 potential earnings

Education teachers, postsecondary
• 4.8% about as fast as the average
• 77,300 number of jobs
• $65,440 potential earnings

Community and social service specialists, all other
• 11.7% much faster than the average
• 105,200 number of jobs
• $46,770 potential earnings

Social and community service managers
• 17.0% much faster than the average
• 175,500 number of jobs
• $69,600 potential earnings

Accreditation
The Council of Education of the Deaf

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements
• Master’s degree from an accredited college or university
• Minimum 2.750 graduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale (minimum 3.250 GPA is recommended)
• Official transcript(s)
• Résumé or curriculum vitae
• Goal statement
• Two letters of recommendation
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 77 MELAB score
  • Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  • Minimum 58 PTE score
  • Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

Application Deadlines
• Fall Semester
  • Rolling admissions
• Spring Semester
  • Rolling admissions
• Summer Term
  • Rolling admissions

Program Requirements

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Major Area of Study Electives, choose from the following: 1

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SPED 73996  INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
SPED 74200  CURRICULUM METHODS FOR TRANSITION PLANNING AND COLLABORATION
SPED 80002  ANALYSIS OF THE LITERATURE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
SPED 80005  EMPIRICAL INVESTIGATIONS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
SPED 83201  CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Minor Area of Study Electives, choose from the following: 1  
CES 78011  FOUNDATIONS OF SCHOOL COUNSELING
CES 77531  COUNSELING SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES
CES 78182  CAREER COUNSELING
EDLE 76542  PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES OF SUPERVISION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION
EPSY 75520  CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT
EPSY 75521  ADULT DEVELOPMENT
EPSY 75524  LEARNING THEORIES
RMS 78807  PROGRAM EVALUATION
SPED 73204  LEGAL AND POLICY FOUNDATIONS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

1 All electives, including additional coursework, must be approved by the student's Ed.S. degree committee.

Graduation Requirements

• Upon admission to the Ed.S. degree program, students will be assigned an advisor.
• Minimum 6 credit hours of coursework in statistics and research design are required.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the program will be able to:

1. Attain the background knowledge and critical thinking skills necessary to advance their ability to identify and plan evidence-based educational practices for exceptional learners.
2. Increase their proficiency with the pedagogical and decision-making skills necessary to implement evidence-based educational practices for exceptional learners.
3. Attain an appropriate level of expertise in methods of assessment relevant to providing special education to exceptional learners in schools.
4. Articulate professional positions on critical legal, policy and practice issues in special education that are grounded in logical analysis, empirical research and the ethical foundations of the field.

Full Description

The Educational Specialist degree in Special Education provides an advanced degree in specialized areas of educational programming for children and youth with exceptionalities. The program meets the needs of post-master’s degree students who wish to assume leadership roles in schools and agencies that provide special education and related services to children, youth, and adults who have disabilities.

The Ed.S. degree is designed for the accomplished, experienced practitioner with specific professional aspirations. The program is not designed for those who wish to pursue a research emphasis as a prelude to doctoral study.

Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State’s website for professional licensure disclosure.