

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (LBS 1)



The Master of Science in Special Education program is designed to prepare individuals to meet the needs of students with disabilities. Through a carefully planned set of experiences, candidates will develop and refine the professional skills, abilities, and attitudes necessary for working with students who have a variety of disabilities including learning disabilities, mental retardation, emotional/behavioral disorders, autism, physical disabilities, other health impairments and traumatic brain injury. This program includes entitlement to Illinois State Board of Education, Learning Behavior Specialist I (LBS I) Certification.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

This program features two different core curriculums: one for individuals seeking a special education LBS I certificate as their first teaching certificate and one for individuals who hold a valid teaching certificate (03, 04, 09, 10) and are seeking the LBS I certificate as an additional certificate.

Admission Requirements:

- 1) Satisfactory assessment of written communication skills.
- 2) Minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0; Minimum TOEFL score of 550 for international students.
- 3) Three letters of recommendation, application form and fee (\$25).
- 4) Take and pass the Illinois Test of Basic Skills.

COST:

\$638 per semester hour.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

- 1) Completed admission requirements and \$25 fee.
- 2) Advising appointment, completion of registration form, and tuition plan.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Fall Semester: 8/30/11–12/18/11
Spring Semester: 1/11/12–5/3/12

DELIVERY MODE:

Faculty on-site instruction in the evening.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

University Center at Grayslake

TEXTBOOK PURCHASES:

Textbooks may be purchased online through the University bookstore.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

6 graduate semester credit hours accepted in transfer if appropriate to the degree.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

34-47 semester hours depending upon core curriculum in which one is enrolled.

CERTIFICATE OFFERED:

Learning Behavior Specialist I (Type 10)

NON-DEGREE COURSEWORK OFFERED:

All graduate courses within this program may be taken for professional staff development hours.

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Available through the Dominican University Financial Aid Office.

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REQUIRED COURSES:

Core Curriculum for All Candidates:

- SPED 526 Psycho-ed Diag (Age 3-21) /4
- SPED 643 Hist, Phil & Legal Found of Spec Ed /3
- SPED 646 Spec Ed Internship/1
- SPED 649 Psych & Char of Students w/Dis /3
- SPED 654 Ac Meth for EC/Elem Student w/Dis /3
- SPED 655 Ac Meth for Sec Students w/Dis /2
- SPED 656 Collab/Adapt in Gen Ed Settings /2
- SPED 658 Fostering Dev of Prosocial Beh /2
- SPED 659 Mng Challenging Beh /3
- SPED 664 Curric & Meth for Stud w/Mod to Sev Dis /3
- EDU 560 Intgrtng Tech into Instruc /3
- ECE 503 LD/Family/Comm Rel /3
- SPED 663 Plan & Assmt in Spec Ed /3
- SPED 533 Rdnng/Wrtng Instruct & Improve /3

**not required for those who hold 03 teaching certificates or have taken a reading methodology course.

Additional Courses For Candidates Not Holding A Current, Valid Teaching Certificate:

- SPED 500 Child Growth & Dev /3
- SPED 702 Clinical Pract Sem in Spec Ed /1
- SPED 703 Clinical Pract in Spec Ed /4

Those seeking initial certification must also meet the ISBE general education competencies.