SPECIAL EDUCATION, MASTER OF EDUCATION (MED) - CONCENTRATION IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

This program will be a 36 credit M.Ed. On-line Program that emphasizes teaching children with Autism in school environments. The proposed program is the result of a regional and national need to prepare public school teachers and private school teachers with more background information on the Autism Spectrum Disorders including Rett Syndrome, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, Autism, and PDD-NOS. Like the current supervision program offered out of the Special Education Department, we believe we can attract at least 20 candidates on an annual basis to commit to this M.Ed. Program. The program will be offered to students that already have an Instructional I or II Certification in Special Education from Pennsylvania or another state. In-service teachers with certification in other areas can also take the courses in this program for Act 48 continuing education credit but are not eligible for the M.Ed. This M.Ed. Program is a specialized degree that will allow professionals to obtain very specific teaching positions working in Autism Support Classrooms that require teaching techniques such as ABA and TEACCH. A comprehensive understanding of special education is necessary for this type of position. The program will be entirely online with 20 field hours required in each class. All courses in the program meet or exceed standards and competencies established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Related Links

Special Education - Autism Spectrum Disorders, MEd Program Page (https://www.sru.edu/academics/graduate-programs/special-education-autism-master-of-education/)

Special Education - Autism Fact Sheet (https://www.sru.edu/documents/programs/factsheets/graduate/FS-SPED-Autism.pdf)

Curriculum Guide

Code	Title	Hours
Area I - Core Courses In Special Education		
SPED 611	Special Education Law	3
SPED 617	Current Research in Special Education	3
SPED 625	Instructional Strategies for Learning and Behavioral Problems	3
Subtotal		9
Area II - Concentration/Additional Classes		
SPED 607	Positive Classroom Interventions	3
SPED 618	Developing Integrated Language and Literacy Programs for Students with Disabilities	3
SPED 620	Contemporary Issues in Special Education	3
SPED 640	Advanced Study of Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
SPED 641	Applied Behavior Analysis/Single Subject Experimental Design	3
SPED 642	Curriculum and Instruction for Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
SPED 643	Communication and Social Competency	3
SPED 646	Assessment and Evaluation	3
Subtotal		24
Area III - Practicum		
SPED 648	Clinical Practicum in Special Education [1]	3
Total Hours		**36**

[1] Students may choose to complete a thesis option (SPED 800) in place of Practicum SPED 648.

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University*.

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