



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Specialist's Degree in Special Education
Concentration: Autism Spectrum Disorders

Name: _____
Address: _____
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Student ID #: _____
Advisor: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Matriculation: _____

Certification(s):
(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
(4) _____

Admission Requirement

- (1) Masters Degree: _____
Major Year Institution
- (2) Graduate Record Exam (900): _____
Score Year(s)
- (3) Certification/License: _____
Area(s) Year
- (4) Interviews: _____

Prerequisites to Ed.S. Degree

_____ SPED 7230 Methods for Teaching Social Skills (or equivalent)
_____ SPED _____ (Seminar)
_____ SPED _____ (Methods)
_____ SPED _____ (Methods)
_____ SPED 7440 (Practicum)

*Students must complete the above graduate course work (15 semester hours), prior to completion of the Ed.S. degree if the course work was not part of their Master's degree program. Students entering with a master's degree from a discipline other than special education will enroll in additional course work based on advisement by the student's evaluation committee.

Ed.S. Program of Study (31 Hours)

Core Content (6)

_____ SPED 8320 (3) Laws Affecting Individuals with Disabilities (or equivalent)
_____ SPED 9600 (3) Issues and Trends in Special Education

Concentration - Autism Spectrum Disorders (16 hours)

_____ EPSY 8120 (3) Characteristics and Assessment in Autism and Other
Developmental Disorders
_____ SPED 7610 (3) Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders

_____ SPED 7260 (3) Instructional Design for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
 _____ SPED 7270 (3) Social Skills/Communication Instruction for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
 _____ SPED 9800 (4) Advanced Practicum in Special Education

Research Core (6)

_____ SPED 8370 (3) Single Subject Research Methodology **(Required)**
Choose One of the Following:
 _____ SPED 6300 (3) Applied Statistical Methods in Education
Or
 _____ ERSH 8410 (3) Qualitative Data Collection in Education

Applied Project (3)

_____ SPED 7650 (3) Applied Project

Final Examination

Prior to Ed.S. degree completion students must satisfactorily present and defend their SPED 7650 Applied Project to their faculty advisory committee. The committee is to be composed of three members of the graduate faculty, one of whom may be from a department other than special education.

Exam: _____ Project Title: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature	Date	Advisor Signature	Date

CHECKLIST

- _____ 1. Make a tentative program of study, secure approval of your major professor, and file a copy in your file in the Graduate Studies Office.
- _____ 2. If transfer credits (maximum of 9 semester hours) are to be included in your program of study, have the courses approved. (Approval of Transfer Credit Forms - www.gradsch.uga.edu).

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- _____ 3. Admission to the Specialist in Education degree program and satisfactory completion of course work does not entitle a person to the Specialist in Education degree and recommendation for the Sixth-Year Certificate. To be eligible the student must be admitted to candidacy as shown below

FINAL PROGRAM OF ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

- _____ 4. File an approved program of study no later than the completion of five (5) courses.
- _____ 5. Deadline for applying to graduate is the beginning of the anticipated graduation date. Deadlines can be found at www.gradsch.uga.edu (Application forms may be submitted at <http://www.gradsch.uga.edu:5080/forms/newgradms.htm>).
- _____ 6. Complete course work and other requirements advised by the major professor. No course work taken in non-degree status will be acceptable on an Ed.S. program of study. Changes in program must be approved by the major professor, the Graduate Coordinator and the Dean of the Graduate School. Change in program forms may be obtained from www.gradsch.uga.edu.
- _____ 7. A student must enroll in at least 3 semester hours of work in the semester in which graduation requirements are completed.