



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & SPECIAL EDUCATION  
**Master's Degree in Special Education**  
Special Education General Curriculum (P-12) Certification  
Concentration: High Functioning Autism and Asperger Syndrome

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Degree Objective: MA  or M.Ed.   
Current Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ None  
Degree(s) Held, Major(s) & Year(s) granted:  
 BA  BS \_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MA  MED \_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prerequisites and Co-Requisites: Out-of-Field Students**

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 2000 (3) Survey of Special Education  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 3050 (3) Classroom & Behav. Manag.  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7440 (9) Practicum  
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\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 3030 (3) Introduction to Assess.  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ READ 4010 (3) Teaching of Reading  
**Or:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ READ 6010 (3) Foundation of Reading

- Notes: 1. Any student entering the master's degree program without certification must begin taking prerequisites during the summer semester prior to beginning their program in the fall. All prerequisites are offered on campus and online through our SETWEB program.
2. SPED 44407440 (9 hours) can be spread across several semesters.

**Program of Study  
(40 hours)**

**Core (15 hours)**

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7120 (3) Learning Disabilities  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7220 (3) Methods for Teaching Academic Skills  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7500 (3) Advanced Technology in Special Education  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7230 (3) Methods for Teaching Social Skills  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7250 (3) Written Language Disorders

**Concentration - Autism Spectrum Disorder (16 hours)**

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ EPSY 8120 (3) Characteristics and Assessment of Autism and Other Developmental Disorders  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7610 (3) Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7260 (3) Instructional Design for Elementary Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7270 (3) Social Skills/Communication Instruction for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7460 (4) Internship: Autism Spectrum Disorders  
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## Research Core (6 hours)

### Required:

- \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 8370 (3) Single Subject Research Methodology  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Choose 1 of the following:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ ERSH 6200 (3) Methods of Research in Education  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Or**  
\_\_\_\_\_ ERSH 6300 (3) Applied Statistical Methods in Education

## Applied Research Project (3 hours)

- \_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7300 (3) Master's Thesis (M.A.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Or**  
\_\_\_\_\_ SPED 7650 (3) Applied Project (M.Ed.)

Committee Members: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

- Notes:
1. Students must enroll in final project hours until project completion.
  2. Students must be enrolled (3hr minimum) the semester in which they graduate.
  3. Final Projects typically require work over more than 1 semester. Discuss possible topics with you're advisor early in your program, and especially when taking methods and research courses.
  4. You must apply to graduate at least 2 semesters prior to the anticipated graduation date.

### CHECKLIST

#### DATE COMPLETED

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. If you anticipate a lapse of more than one calendar year before completing requirements for M.Ed. or M.A. program, make a tentative program of study and secure the approval of your major professor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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). All requests for transfer credit with accompanying official transcript must be in the Graduate School office at least 30 days prior to the time the student plans to graduate. All courses must have been taken within 6 years and must carry a grad of "B" or above.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Recommend an Advisory Committee for M.A. degree students, on the proper form, to Dean of the Graduate School. This committee consists of the major professor and two additional staff members. The two additional members of the preliminary examining committee may be recommended at the same time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. File an approved program of study no later than upon the completion of 5 or 6 courses. This form for MED students is also the FORMAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY, M.A. students will need to submit an additional form for ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY. To be eligible for graduation, a student must maintain a 3.0 (B) average on all graduate courses taken, and on all courses on the program of study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Plan (and secure preliminary approval of) a proposed research project unless Plan B is to be used.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. File application for graduation. Deadline for applying to graduate is the beginning of the anticipated graduation date. Deadlines can be found at [www.gradsch.uga.edu](http://www.gradsch.uga.edu) (Application forms may be submitted at <http://www.gradsch.uga.edu:5080/forms/newgradms.htm>)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Check with the Graduate School Office concerning all incidental prerequisites to graduation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Complete course work and other requirements advised by the major professor. Changes in program must be approved by the major professor, Graduate Coordinator, and the Dean of the Graduate School. Change of Program Forms may be obtained at [www.gradsch.uga.edu](http://www.gradsch.uga.edu).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. FOR M.A. DEGREE STUDENTS ONLY:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Get thesis typing instruments from Graduate Studies at [www.gradsch.uga.edu](http://www.gradsch.uga.edu)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Copy of thesis dissertation submitted to Major Professor.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Submit the original thesis for first format check to the Graduate School.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. Make corrections required by the Graduate School.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ e. Submit the original of the thesis that has been approved by the Major Professor to the Graduate School for approval.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ f. Submit the original plus at least three (3) copies of the corrected thesis at least two (2) weeks before graduation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. All requirements for the degree must be completed and reported to the Graduate School Office at least one week before graduation.