

The Ohio State University

Special Education M.A. Program

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The Special Education program trains experienced professionals to address the needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families. Upon completion of the M.A. degree students will be qualified to take responsible roles in special education and related fields.

CAREERS/EMPLOYMENT/PLACEMENT

Graduates of the Master's program in Special Education are in high demand. There is a growing need for professionals trained to work with individuals with exceptionalities in a variety of settings. Many graduates are hired by local school districts as teachers and administrators. Other graduates take leadership positions working with individuals who have disabilities in county and state agencies.

TIME OF STUDY

The M.A. degree requires approximately 51-61 quarter hours depending upon the specialization. The degree can be completed in four consecutive quarters of full-time study. Full-time students begin the program in Autumn Quarter and graduate at the end of the following Summer Quarter. Part-time students generally take 6 credit hours each quarter and complete the program in two to three calendar years. All M.A. students complete a thesis.