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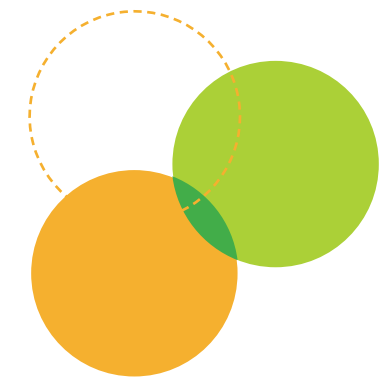
DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Special Education M.S. Ed.



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (M.S.ED.) DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Over the last decade, special education has been a critical shortage area in teaching at the national, state, and district levels (US Department of Education, 2019). This Master's degree program in special education prepares individuals to work with students with disabilities in collaborative school environments. The course of study consists of 30 credits.

The program accommodates both working teachers and individuals seeking initial teacher certification in special education. The initial certification option includes 6-credit hours of student teaching including related Florida Educator Accomplished Practices support. The State-approved program provides competencies for initial certification in K-12 special education with reading and ESOL endorsement.

This program focuses on the development of policy knowledge and pedagogical approaches to increase access, support, and outcomes for diverse students. The learning objectives of the program are to increase teachers' knowledge of: 1) foundations of special education, 2) culturally responsive assessment and evaluation, and 3) culturally responsive instructional practices in special education.

PROGRAM GOALS

To increase teachers' knowledge of:

- Foundations of special education;
- Culturally responsive assessment and evaluation;
- Culturally responsive instructional practices in special education

TAL M.S. ED. PROGRAMS

- 30 credits
- Evening courses
- Part-time or full-time enrollment
- 6 credits/academic semester
- Focus on developing policy knowledge; Pedagogical approaches to increase access, support, and outcomes of diverse students
- Cohort model
- During the fall and spring semesters, classes generally meet once/week;
 - Evening hours (5:05-7:50 p.m.)
 - Two classes = two evenings/week
- During summer, each class meets twice/week (4:25-8:00 p.m.)
 - Summer A: mid-May through June
 - Summer B: early July through beginning of August
- Class meeting format: in-person at the UM Coral Gables campus, online, or hybrid

PROGRAM COURSES

SELECTED COURSES INCLUDE:

- TAL 614 / Assessment in Special Education 3
- TAL 629/ Educating Exceptional Students 3
- TAL 634/ Language and Reading Instruction 3
- TAL 635/ Inclusive Models of Teaching 3
- TAL 636/ Universal Design for Learning and Assistive Technology Strategies for Transition 3
- TAL 654/ STEM Methods for Diverse Learners 3
- TAL 668/ Human Development, Learning and Schooling 3
- TAL 677/ Applied Research in Education 3
- Elective 3
- Elective 3

Total: 30

APPLICATIONS/ADMISSIONS

PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

Completed online applications with supporting documents should be submitted by application deadlines (June 1 for Fall)

- **Completed online application for admission** (\$85.00 fee) to include supporting documentation (the GRE is no longer required):
- **3 letters of recommendation submitted electronically via the UM CollegeNet application system** should be from former professors or those familiar with your academic performance and your qualifications for graduate study; school administrator or department chair; or leaders in any community organizations that you are involved in.
- **Minimum GPA: 3.0; Official transcripts** (electronic only) from all postsecondary institutions attended—whatever is listed on application under postsecondary institutions attended will require a transcript; do not list study abroad experiences as it is difficult to obtain those transcripts. Send digital transcripts to: soegradadmissions@miami.edu
- **“Statement of Purpose”** for Special Education
- **Current Resume**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE ESSAY PROMPT

Why are you interested in the Special Education program? How do your past experiences and current interests prepare you as a candidate for this degree?

ONLINE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION COLLEGENET

<https://www.applyweb.com/aw?mgred>

TIMELINE & TUITION

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- Fall enrollment: submit all application documents by June 1

FACULTY REVIEW

- Within 1-2 weeks of completed application submission (when all supporting documents received)
- Admission decision sent via email from soegradadmissions@miami.edu

INTENT TO ENROLL (DECLINE OR DEFER) MUST BE DECLARED IN CANELINK

- If intent to enroll is declared, pay \$75 (nonrefundable fee)
- You may defer admission up to one calendar year

VIRTUAL PROGRAM ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION

- 1-2 weeks before semester begins

TUITION & FEES

- All admitted applicants may be eligible to receive tuition waiver assistance of 30% or 60%

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