MA in Special Education with Emphasis in Early Childhood Special Education

Degree Requirements

The Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Program is a graduate program that provides students with the necessary experiences and information to work with young children, both typically developing and those with disabilities, and their families in a variety of settings, including both home and school. The program also focuses on working effectively with families and children from a variety of cultures and how to provide intervention in a culturally consistent manner.

The Masters program in ECSE is 30 credit hours. In the campus program there are six required courses. Additional coursework is negotiated with the advisor. The online program coursework is set and can be found at Mizzou Online (http://online.missouri.edu/degreeprograms/ed-specialeducation).

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the MA in Special Education program (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/programs/special-education/masters.php) and the minimum requirements of the Office of Graduate Studies (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/minimum-requirements.php). Because requirements vary, you must refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Office of Graduate Studies and the degree program to which you've applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.

1. A completed baccalaureate degree.
2. Graduate grade point average above 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework.
3. GRE scores taken within the last five years. For GRE scores taken on or after August 1, 2011, they should reflect a preferred combined score of 291 or better on the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections and Analytical Writing score of 3.5 or better.
4. A minimum of two letters of recommendation, which on the whole, clearly reflect professional success and predict academic success at the graduate level.
5. Statement of purpose clearly indicating that the proposed Masters degree is appropriate to the applicant's professional aspirations.
6. For students whose native language is not English, a score of 100 of better on the TOEFL or a grade band score of 7 or better on the IELTS taken within the past two years. Ideally, the TOEFL or IELTS will be taken 6-9 months prior to the term in which the student wishes to start their program. International students who have completed within the last two years, one year of college-level full-time study in a country where English is the native language may waive the TOEFL requirement if they meet all the conditions.
7. Students may be required to complete an interview with special education faculty.
8. Students must complete all graduate school and program application materials by the deadline posted each term.