MEd in Special Education with Emphasis in Gifted Education

Degree Requirements

Online Degree Only

The Gifted Education Master’s Program (MEd) is a graduate level program designed to provide candidates with advanced preparation in gifted education methodology and practices. Candidates become equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to work with children and youth in the field of gifted education. The program meets Missouri Department of Education (DESE) academic requirements for Missouri Gifted Certification. This program is offered through Mizzou Online (http://online.missouri.edu/degreeprograms/ed-gifted).

Applicants who are accepted into the master’s program will participate in a 30-hour online degree program with 15 hours of gifted education courses and 15 hours of core course work. Courses are selected to provide educators with skills and knowledge in current learning theory and to translate this knowledge into practical strategies and techniques for use in the classroom.

The 15 hours of gifted focus courses include content covering, nature and needs of gifted students, curriculum methods, differentiated curriculum, assessment and evaluation, and gifted practicum. The 15 hours of core course work in this program include study in learning theory, research with exceptional children, instructional technology, instructional leadership, and instructional strategies.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the MEd 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.