Master of Education Degree in Special Education Specializing in Dyslexia

Program Description: The Master of Education Degree in Special Education Specializing in Dyslexia is designed for teachers interested in working with children or adults who have dyslexia or related disorders. The Master of Education Degree in Special Education Specializing in Dyslexia provides the opportunity for the student to become a specialist in the field of dyslexia and related learning differences. The program requires:

- Two years of graduate study
- Extensive practicum teaching hours
- Clinical teaching hours.

Course content and techniques are based on Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia, a curriculum written by the staff of the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for children (TSRHC). Take Flight builds on the success of the three previous dyslexia intervention programs developed by the staff of TSRHC: Alphabetic Phonics, the Dyslexia Training Program and TSRH Literacy Program. Completion of the Master of Education in Special Education specializing in dyslexia qualifies the student to apply for professional licensure upon completion of the Alliance Exam. Our graduates will also receive the title of Licensed Dyslexia Therapist (LDT).

You must be a certified teacher in order to apply to the program.

Application for professional licensure as a LDT requires the following:

A bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
1. Completion of comprehensive therapist training under the supervision of a Qualified Instructor that includes a minimum of 200 instructional hours, a minimum of 700 clinical/teaching hours, a minimum of 10 demonstrations, clinical/teaching documentation, and proof of the therapist’s progress and competency
2. Acceptable performance on a comprehensive examination administered by ALTA.
3. Completion of 3 CEUs (30 contact hours) every three years

Most University Questions/Answers

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Options

Two program options are available for students (Single concentration on dyslexia and an educational diagnostician certificate option.) The University Catalog contains additional information concerning programs. **It is the student’s responsibility to access and read the catalog and understand degree requirements.**

Single Concentration in Dyslexia

Requirements (36 Hours total)*

**REQUIRED COURSES (9 hours)**

- COUN 6013 (3) Human Relations
- EDUC 5053 (3) Introduction to Educational Research
- EDUC 6753 (3) Applied Research

**Dyslexia Core (21 hours)**

- SPED 5103 (3) Survey of Dyslexia and Related Learning Disabilities
- SPED 5113 (3) Promoting Early Language Development of the Dyslexic/Practicum Experience
- SPED 5123 (3) Reading Fluency Instruction and Assessment for the Dyslexic Student/Practicum Experience
- SPED 5133 (3) Morphological and Syntactical Awareness for the Dyslexic Student/Practicum Experience
- SPED 5143 (3) Cognitive and Linguistic Structure of Written language for the Dyslexic Student/Practicum Experience

The above 5 courses are the Take Flight courses.

- SPED 6913 (3) Special Education Law
- SPED 6643 (3) Practicum in Special Education

**Electives (6 hours) from**

- SPED 5613 (3) Foundations of Special Education
- SPED 5013 (3) Exceptional Individuals
- SPED 6633 (3) Vocational, Motor Skills, and Assistive Technology Assessment*
- SPED 6963 (3) Foundations of Special Education Leadership
- SPED 6031 (3) Teaching Strategies for Affective Disorders
Dyslexia w/Educational Diagnostician Certificate

Educational Diagnostician Certification is available with this degree option for students holding an undergraduate degree in Special Education. Leveling classes will be required for students who do not have an undergraduate Special Education degree who wish to include diagnostician certification (leveling classes usually consist 9-12 hours based on transcript audit and certifications). Requires SPED 6613 Individualized Diagnostic Assessment I, SPED 6623-Individual Diagnostic Assessment II, and SPED 6633 Vocational, Motor Skills and Assistive Technology Assessment.

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- EDUC 6753 (3) Applied Research

**Dyslexia Core (21 hours)**
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- SPED 6643 (3) Practicum in Special Education (must be a Diag Practicum)

**Required (9 hours) from**
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- SPED 6623 (3) Individualized Diagnostic Assessment II*
- SPED 6633 (3) Vocational, Motor Skills, and Assistive Technology Assessment*

If you do not have a special education certificate upon entry to the program or do not possess an undergraduate degree in special education, leveling courses will be required. This is usually 9-12 hours depending on transcript audit.

**Leveling Courses**
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- SPED 5013 (3) Exceptional Individuals
- SPED 6963 (3) Foundations of Special Education Leadership
- SPED 6031 (3) Teaching Strategies for Affective Disorders
Contact Dr. Schultz with questions regarding Dyslexia/Diagnostician Certification. Contact Mary Wines for Dyslexia specialization only.

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Advising Procedures

Upon acceptance into the program, you will be assigned a Mustang ID# (M#) which allows you to be advised and register for courses. You will need to familiarize yourself with the MSU portal in order to register (http://www.mwsu.edu/registrar/prewebworld/). Dr. Schultz advises all students seeking a Masters degree. Please follow the steps listed below in order to be advised.

1. Access course schedule (these are usually available in Mid-March, and Early October).
2. Select courses that are offered for your degree plan. Check the catalog for pre-requisites. Generally, six hours is the maximum hours allowed for a semester.
3. Email Dr. Schultz Edward.schultz@mwsu.edu with your proposed/preferred courses. Please include your M# in this correspondence as it will expedite the process. Course selections will be reconciled with your degree plan and current transcript.
4. Permission will be given to register for courses (or alternate selections) and your advising hold will be removed. You will not be able to register until your advising hold is removed.
5. Use Web world to register for classes.

Additional Advising Information

It is important that you consult the university catalog as it is ultimately the student’s responsibility to register for the proper courses. Some courses are offered once a year so these should be taken when available as to not delay graduation. Courses are offered in a manner which allows timely progression through the program. Please schedule a phone call if you need further assistance beyond email and make sure that you follow the recommendations of your advisor instead of your well-meaning colleagues.