Mission Statement

The mission of the Master of Education degree with a major in Special Education is to prepare candidates to lead their schools and communities in providing services to students with disabilities.

The Master of Education in Special Education for teachers who have Texas certification in special education is designed to prepare them as Educational Diagnosticians who can use their leadership in providing services to students with disabilities in their schools and communities. Completion of the degree requirements allows students to apply for professional certification upon satisfactory completion of the state mandated TExES requirement as an Educational Diagnostician.

The Master of Education in Special Education for graduates who are not already certified to teach special education will prepare them with the knowledge and skills required to provide leadership on their campuses and in their communities in providing services for students who have disabilities. The degree will then help them develop knowledge and skills in a specialized area; this specialization may lead to the Educational Diagnostician certification. Other specializations may be selected through consultation with the Graduate Coordinator.

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Students with Undergraduate Degree in SPED

Required Courses
- COUN 6013 Human Relations
- EDUC 5053 Introduction to Educational Research
- EDUC 6753 Applied Research
- SPED 6613 Individualized Diagnostic Assessment I
- SPED 6623 Individualized Diagnostic Assessment II
- SPED 6633 Vocational, Motor Skills & Assistive Technology Assessment
- SPED 6913 Special Education Law
- SPED 6943 Practicum in Special Education
- SPED 6953 Special Graduate Topics in Special Education
- SPED 6963 Foundations of Special Education Leadership

Plus
Six hours of electives as approved by the program coordinator.

Students without an Undergraduate Degree in SPED

Required Courses
- COUN 6013 Human Relations
- EDUC 5053 Introduction to Educational Research
- EDUC 6753 Applied Research
- SPED 5613 Foundations of Special Education
- SPED 5813 Tier III Reading Strategies
- SPED 6013 Teaching Strategies for Affective Disorders
- SPED 6033 Early Childhood Special Education
- SPED 6613 Individualized Diagnostic Assessment I
- SPED 6633 Vocational, Motor Skills & Assistive Technology Assessment
- SPED 6913 Special Education Law
- SPED 6953 Special Graduate Topics in Special Education

Electives—3 Hours
Three (3) hours of approved electives (NOTE: Educational Diagnostician Certification requires SPED 6623 - Individualized Diagnostic Assessment II, which may be taken as the elective.)