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## *M.A. Degree Program*

## Autism Specialization

For students pursuing a:

**Master of Education Degree  
with a Concentration in  
Special Education**

*Program embeds requirements for  
Level II Education Specialist in*

- *Early Childhood Special Education*
- *Moderate/Severe Disabilities*

# WELCOME!

*Welcome* to the Department of Special Education at San Diego State University. Our department prepares educators and other professionals to work with people with exceptionalities and their families. The majority of our programs prepare special education teachers to work with children with disabilities and their families from birth through young adulthood. There are also programs for those interested in working with gifted and talented students.

## AUTISM PROGRAM

The SDSU Department of Special Education has created a program that is specifically designed to prepare candidates from diverse backgrounds to obtain the knowledge and skills to work effectively with children with autism. The goals of this grant program are to:

- Recruit and prepare M.A. Degree students **who are fully credentialed**
- Provide advanced knowledge & skills in autism using a **research-to-practice model**
- Implement a **field-based, culturally relevant** program
- Contribute to the field through candidates' **research projects**

## HOW TO APPLY

Students interested in applying for the MA degree program in autism must satisfy the following requirements:

- Apply to San Diego State University
- Apply to the SDSU Dept. of Special Education and submit GRE scores (applications are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Complete prerequisite coursework:
  - **SPED 527: Special Education in a Pluralistic Society** (or equivalent)
  - **SPED 553: Behavioral Strategies and Support** (or equivalent)

Visit the SDSU and SDSU Dept. of Special Education websites for information regarding applications.

Students who do not hold a Level I credential are required to attend a group advising session to learn about applying to Level I credential programs. Dates and times of advising sessions are posted on the following website:

<http://edweb.sdsu.edu/SPED/SPED.html>

Sequence of Courses for the M.A. Degree:

YEAR ONE	
Fall (8 Units)	Spring (6 Units)
SPED 530: Issues in Autism (2 units)  SPED 651 or 655: Legislation, Leadership & Management (3 units)  ED 690: Methods of Inquiry (3 units)	SPED 676: Advanced ABA (3 units)  SPED 681: Advanced Studies in SPED/Autism (3 units)
Summer (4 Units)	
SPED 771A Advanced Intensive Practicum	

YEAR TWO	
Fall (6 Units)	Spring (6 Units)
SPED 654: Adapting Curriculum (2 units)  SPED 657: Facilitating Transitions (1 unit)  ED 795A: Research Project (3 units)	SPED 510: Adapting Communication Systems (1 unit)  SPED 656: Social & Play Skills (1 unit)  SPED 605: Advanced Behavior & Health Supports (1 unit)  ED 795B: Research Project (3 units)
Summer (4 Units)	
SPED 771B Advanced Intensive Practicum	