

Expedited Masters of Arts in Special Education with Initial Teaching Certification



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- First in the state of Michigan to offer endorsements in ASD, EI, and LD, this program will enable students to obtain a master's degree and their initial teaching certification in 18-months.
 - Designed for professionals, the program is fully online, with synchronous and asynchronous courses, and field placements in public schools
 - Students will be part of a cohort, fostering a community of professionals with shared goals and interests



Why this program?

- Completion leads to State of Michigan initial teaching certification and an endorsement in autism spectrum disorder (ASD), emotional impairment (EI), or learning disabilities (LD)
- Funding opportunities are available to students including graduate teaching assistantships, scholarships, and grant support
- In the 2020-2021 WMU Post-Graduation Activity Report, 98% of the Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies graduate degree recipients were actively engaged, full-time in the teaching area they were endorsed in and 90% were employed within the state of Michigan

Admission Requirements

- 4-year bachelor's degree in any area
- Experience working with children
- Completed Candidates Disposition Inventory as part of interview

Evaluation Criteria

- Undergraduate GPA
- Experience working with children, especially those with special needs
- Writing skills





Credits

Credits required to degree: 32-38

**Credits required for additional
certifications: 14-20**

Total credits: 46-58

How to Apply

1. Scan the QR Code
2. Login or Sign Up, then start application
3. Select "**Program – Special Education Clinical Teacher MA**"
4. Complete application and submit

What you will need:

1. Transcripts
2. 1 page narrative of why you would like to be in the program and if you are requesting financial support



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