Master of Special Education (Functional)

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About Southwestern College

Southwestern College Professional Studies specializes in educating busy working adults, members of the military and individuals looking for a flexible way to earn a degree.

Established in 1885, we are a private, not-for-profit college affiliated with the United Methodist Church. SC is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

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Core Major Requirements

- EDUC 514 Intro Special Education: Individual Educational Plan Development
- EDUC 524 Intro to Special Education
- EDUC 525 Collaboration with Parents & Professionals
- EDUC 534 Transitions to Education
- EDUC 714 Characteristics of Children & Youth with Low-Incidence Disabilities
- EDUC 718 Methods: Life Skills & Community-based Instruction
- EDUC 722 Functional Behavior Assessment Positive Behavior Support & Classroom Management
- EDUC 724 Advanced Methods: Strategies for Students with Significant Sensory, Motor & Health Needs
- EDUC 735 Assessment, Diagnosis & Evaluation
- EDUC 757 Communication & Literacy
- EDUC 758 Initial Practicum in Functional Special Education
- EDUC 759 Advanced Practicum in Functional Special Education

Program Description

The master of education with a major in special education low-incidence disabilities is designed for those who wish to earn an endorsement in special education as part of their graduate degree. A minimum of 36 hours is required for the graduate degree. Endorsement in low incidence disabilities may be earned with 33 credit hours. A minimum of 9 credit hours is required for a provisional endorsement. EDUC 512 Action Research must be completed within the first 15 credit hours of the program of study.

Admission Requirements

Applicants are required to submit:

1. Graduate application forms
2. Current resume
3. Two professional letters of recommendation (at least one from a current or former employer)
4. One-page personal essay
5. An official transcript from the bachelor’s degree-granting institution (applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution or higher learning and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
6. Be a current, licensed teacher

All degree requirements are subject to change. Please see Southwestern College Professional Studies Catalog for the most current degree requirements. All course descriptions can be found online at ps.sckans.edu

Research Requirements

- EDUC 512 Action Research

Related Courses of Interest

- EDUC 725 Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorders

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete the specific program requirements for the master’s program
2. Have an overall grade point average of 3.0, with no grade below a C (2.0)
3. Complete a minimum of 36 credit hours