



**SOUTHWESTERN**  
COLLEGE

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

# SPECIAL EDUCATION LOW-INCIDENCE



## Graduate Degree

Prepare yourself for advancement in your education career with your master's degree in special education (low incidence). The online curriculum allows learners to continue work in the classroom and balance their lives while pursuing their master's level college education. Courses are taught in 12-week sessions and start five times per year. Instructors are experts in the field of education themselves, bringing real-world application and expertise to the online classroom.

### Convenient

Five start dates per year

### Education Endorsement

Endorsed in low-incidence special education in the state of Kansas

### Flexible

Online classes

### Expert Instruction

Learn from experienced educators

## About Southwestern College

Southwestern College Professional Studies offers practical online degree programs focused on an enhanced learner experience, provided by a regionally accredited, 130+ year old non-profit institution. Each learner can expect: hands-on counselors to help you navigate your program requirements; generous transfer credits to reduce your overall cost and time to completion; progressive, nationally recognized programs; accessible student resources to minimize the stress of degree completion; and small class sizes with experienced, practicing faculty to facilitate interaction and ensure your academic success.



# Master of Special Education Low-Incidence

## Core Major Requirements

- EDUC514 Introduction to Special Education: Individual Educational Plan Development
- EDUC528 Collaboration with Parents and Professionals
- EDUC529 Legal Issues in Special Education
- EDUC534 Transitions in Education
- EDUC714 Characteristics of Children & Youth with Low-Incidence Disabilities
- EDUC722 Functional Behavior Assessment and Positive Behavior Support
- EDUC724 Advanced Methods: Strategies for Students with Significant Sensory, Motor, and Health Needs
- EDUC725 Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorder Health Needs
- EDUC735 Assessment, Diagnosis, and Evaluation
- EDUC757 Communication and Literacy

### One course from the following:

- EDUC748 Initial Practicum in low-Incidence Special Education, (6-12)
- EDUC758 Initial Practicum in low-Incidence Special Education, (K-6)

### One course from the following:

- EDUC749 Advanced Practicum in Low-Incidence Special Education, (6-12)
- EDUC759 Advanced Practicum in low-Incidence Special Education, (K-6)

### Research Requirements:

- EDUC512 Action Research

Approved by:



## Graduation Requirements

1. Complete the specific program requirements of the master's program
2. Have an overall grade point average of 3.0, with no grade below a C (2.0)
3. Complete at least 30 credit hours

## Program Description

The master of education in special education, low-incidence disabilities (Multiple Disabilities, Intellectual Disabilities, Orthopedic Impairments, Autism Spectrum Disorders, etc.) requires a minimum of 36 credit hours. An endorsement in low incidence disabilities may be earned with 33 credit hours. A minimum of 9 credit hours is required for a provisional endorsement. Kansas endorsement candidates must pass the ETS Praxis II assessment as defined by the Kansas State Department of Education. An appropriately licensed candidate may be hired, under a state-granted waiver, to work in a special education position while completing a state approved special education endorsement program. The waiver is a special arrangement between a hiring school district, Southwestern College and the candidate.

## Admission Requirements

1. Complete graduate application forms
2. Provide current resume
3. Submit two professional letters of recommendation (at least one from a current or former employer)
4. Turn in one-page personal essay
5. Submit an official transcript from a bachelor's degree-granting institution. Official transcripts must be received within 8 weeks following the start of class.
6. Be a current, licensed teacher and provide a copy of your teaching license.

All degree requirements are subject to change. Please see the Southwestern College Catalog for the most current degree requirements. All course descriptions can be found online at [ps.sckans.edu](http://ps.sckans.edu)

