

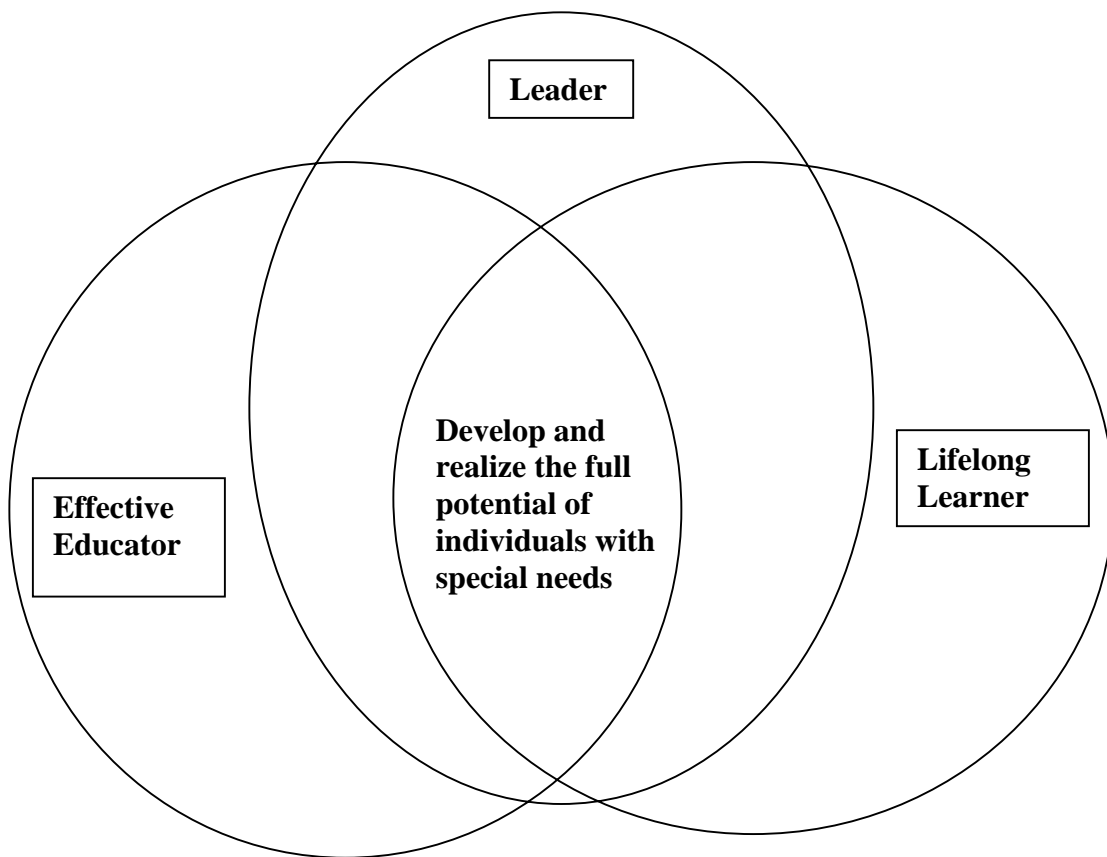
Department of Special Education
College of Education
San José State University
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Information Materials

and

Application for the
Master of Arts in Education
with Emphasis in Special Education

Department of Special Education
Professional Development Program
Master of Arts Degree in Education,
Emphasis: Special Education



Our graduates must strive to excel in these three areas.

Master of Arts Degree Option

Student, if you are interested in working toward a Master of Arts degree as you advance in your professional development from Level I to Level II, please do the following:

- a. Discuss it with your advisor or the coordinator of your program**
- b. Complete a Change of Classification Form and submit a copy to the Department and submit original to Graduate Studies to change your classification from Credential student to MA student.**
- c. Complete a Candidacy Form with your advisor, if it is not done by the advisor, or program coordinator, or department chair it will not be approved.**
- d. Follow the deadlines published by Graduate Studies.**
- e. Maintain a grade of B or better in all courses**

This is how your program could look:

Selection from Level I Coursework	Selection from Level II Coursework
<p>Number of units will be determined by faculty advisor. All courses must be passed with a grade of B or better.</p>	<p>Number of units will be determined by faculty advisor. All courses must be passed with a grade of B or better.</p> <p>EDSE 285 is a required course for the M. A.</p>

Plus

Courses Required for the Master Degree
<p>Required: Research, Project, or Capstone Options-- EDSE 231 and EDSE 298 (Project), or EDSE 299 (Thesis), or EDSE 220 (Capstone course) All these courses and experiences are 3 units each. This component requires 9 units.</p>
<p>Total units for the MA equal 30 units.</p>

**Department of Special Education
San Jose State University**

**Master Degree in Education
Emphasis in Special Education**

Pre-requisites

BA or BS
GPA of 3.0 or better

Course Requirements

- ❖ Electives to be chosen with the approval of your assigned advisor – this can be an individually designed program, but must be approved by a graduate advisor. **21 units**
- ❖ Seminar in Teaching Exceptional Student (EDSE 285) **3 units**
- ❖ Research Seminar in Special Education (EDSE 231) **3 units**
- ❖ Culminating experience - Select From:
EDSE 299 – Master’s Thesis, or
EDSE 298 – Master’s Project, or
EDSE 220 – Advanced Seminar in Special Education
Total units: 30
- ❖ Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better

Caveats –

- ❖ Only 6 graduate units can be transferred from another university. You may petition up to 9 units.
- ❖ If you plan to use units that you took while completing your BA/BS, only those not counted toward your degree can be used.
- ❖ If you took units through Open University, only 6 units can be utilized, if you have not transferred units from another college or university.

Completion –

- ❖ Must have filed a Candidacy Form (after taking EDSE 285) with graduate studies after completing it with your advisor – it is **YOUR** responsibility to request candidacy form be sent to Grad Studies.
- ❖ File graduation form by deadline. Check Grad Studies website for graduation deadlines at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gradstudies>

**Department of Special Education
San Jose State University**

**Master of Arts Degree in Education Preparation Program
Emphasis: Special Education**

Concentration Options:

<p>Alternative Education Deaf Education Early Childhood Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities Moderate/Severe Disabilities Other: Designed in Consultation with a faculty member</p>

Purpose: The program of study for a Master degree is designed to enable students to prepare for leadership roles in Special Education by offering a combination of core curriculum and elective coursework.

Requirement for Admission:

- ❖ **Must have completed a four-year college course of study and hold an acceptable B.A. or B.S. from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association, or shall have completed the equivalent academic preparation as determined by appropriate campus authorities.**
- ❖ **Must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better, or be in good standing at the last college or university attended.**
- ❖ **Must apply to the Department of Special Education and be interviewed by the program coordinator or graduate advisor of the concentration of interest.**
- ❖ **Must apply to Graduate Studies, and include \$55 US dollars with the application. All application to Graduate Studies is to be done online, except for those by international students. Candidates that completed a degree outside the US should check with Graduate Studies for TOEFL information and transcript evaluation.**
- ❖ **Must submit three (3) forms of recommendation/reference attesting to your ability to complete a graduate level program. If you are in the credential preparation program and have submitted letters already, you will need to submit two (2) additional forms that speak of you as a candidate for a Master Degree option. The recommendation forms are attached to this application.**
- ❖ **Must submit an essay that includes a statement of education and professional goals and Self-Assessment of Professional Dispositions Form if not already submitted with credential application.**

All required materials must be submitted to Catherine Davis, Student Records Manager, Dept of Special Education, Sweeney Hall 204, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192-0078.

Graduate Advisors:

Dr. Ji-Mei Chang	SH 236	924-3705	Dr. Elba Maldonado-Colón	SH 204	924-3786
Dr. Chris Hagie	SH 235	924-3695	Dr. Mary Male	SH 202	924-3720
Dr. Peg Hughes	SH 222	924-3673	Dr. Theodore J. Montemurro	SH 237	924-3670
Dr. Lou Larwood	SH 233	924-3768	Dr. Hyun-Sook Park	SH 235	924-3692
Dr. Jennifer Madigan	SH 221	924-3313	Dr. Angela Rickford	SH 236	924-3681

Graduate Studies & Research

Graduation Deadline Dates for Master's Degree Processing

PLEASE PROVIDE PROOF OF CANDIDACY APPROVAL WHEN FILING YOUR APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION.

GRADUATION DATE	May 29, 2004	August 20, 2004	December 20, 2004
FILE CANDIDACY APPROVAL FORM TO GRADUATE STUDIES OFFICE? Student Services Center	October 1, 2003	February 16, 2004	April 2, 2004
FILE APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF MASTER'S DEGREE OR REACTIVATION FORM WITH GRADUATE STUDIES OFFICE? Student Services Center	February 13, 2004	June 11, 2004	September 22, 2004
SUBMIT THESE TO GRADUATE STUDIES OFFICE? Student Services Center	April 2, 2004	July 6, 2004	October 29, 2004
SUBMIT THESIS COPIES FOR BINDING TO GRADUATE STUDIES OFFICE? Student Services Center	June 6, 2004	September 3, 2004	January 3, 2005

PLEASE NOTE: We suggest that you file your Advancement to Candidacy petition as soon as you have completed nine letter-graded units in graduate division at SJSU and have satisfied the graduate requirement of Competency in Written English (English Competency must be completed before the Candidacy petition will be considered by Graduate Studies & Research). EDSE 285 satisfies this requirement for Special Education.

A Master's Candidate cannot formally apply for the award of degree until Advancement to Candidacy has been approved by Graduate Studies & Research.

You should contact your Graduate Advisor for departmental deadlines covering thesis, project, and/or comprehensive examinations.

Graduation forms can be downloaded from our GS&R website at: <http://www.sjsu.edu/gradstudies/forms.htm> . Adobe Acrobat is required for viewing and downloading all forms contained on our web pages.

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
THE DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION: MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION
CONCENTRATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION

APPLICATION

NAME _____ Social Security No. _____

ADDRESS _____
(LOCAL) STREET CITY STATE ZIP

ADDRESS _____
(PERMANENT) STREET CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE _____ DATE _____
HOME WORK

SEMESTER APPLYING FOR _____ Are you presently a student at SJSU? _____
Sem/Year YES NO

1. Master Degree: Special Education:

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. EDSE 231-Research Seminar 3 units
- 2. EDSE 285-Seminar in Teaching Exceptional Individuals 3 units
- 3. Plan A: EDSE 299- Masters Thesis or 3 units
Plan B: EDSE 220- Advance Research Seminar or 3 units
EDSE 298- Special Studies 3 units
- 4. Electives to be chosen with the approval of an advisor 21units
- 5. Total Units 30 units
- 6. Maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average-All M.A. courses should have a grade of B or better.

Electives from 21 units

Deaf Education _____

Early Childhood _____

Mild/Moderate _____

Moderate/ Severe _____

Special Approval _____

- *If interested in applying to a Level I/ II credential program you must demonstrate subject-matter competency -Pass MSAT or (C-CET) or SSAT. You must also have passed the CBEST.*

2. Present Academic Level (CIRCLE ONE):

Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

3. What, if any, California credential do you hold? _____

Indicate: Emergency _____ Clear _____
 Preliminary _____ Life _____

4. Special Talents: (e.g. art, music, foreign language, sign language, etc.)

5. Have you ever been convicted or pleaded nolo contendere for any violation of law other than minor traffic offenses? (If either of these events has occurred, this question must be answered "yes".)
yes _____ no _____

If the answer is "yes," you should contact the Credentials Office, College of Education, located in Sweeney Hall 108, at 408-924-3541.

6. Penal Code Section 11166 requires medical practitioners, teachers, other education personnel, and other persons working with children to report any known or suspected instances of child abuse to a child protective agency as soon as possible. Please sign to indicate that you are now aware of this Penal Code Section and will comply with its provisions.

Your Signature _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. All applicants must submit a well written typed statement indicating the reasons for applying to this field of study.
2. Submit a resume listing and describing each type of experience you have had with children or adults, including information regarding the setting, year, length of time, your role, and age of students.

**San José State University
Department of Special Education**

Master Degree Recommendation Form

_____ is applying for admission to the Master Degree Program at San Jose State University. One of the criteria on which candidates are admitted to the program is successful work experience. Please use this form to evaluate the candidate based on your observation of him/her in a work experience (paid, or volunteer, or as an integral part of coursework).

Return this form in a signed sealed envelope to: Dept of Special Education, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192-0078.

*****All records including recommendations are kept by San Jose State University in accordance with the requirements of the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 which allows students access to their records. (P.L. 93-380, Section 513).*****

If a behavior has not been observed, circle Not Observed (N/O). Thank you for your cooperation.

Section 1:

1. To what degree does the candidate have the potential *to master the knowledge base* required to be an effective special educator and/or consultant?

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

2. To what degree does the candidate show a *commitment to ethical conduct* (honesty, fairness, responsibility, compassion, collaboration, and collegiality)?

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

3. To what degree does the candidate show a *commitment to equity and social justice* (recognition of and opposition to social injustice in themselves, their institutions and professional environments)?

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

4. To what degree does the candidate show a *commitment to reflective practice and life long learning* (the candidate systematically and regularly reflects on practice with an aim toward improvement)?

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

5. To what degree does the candidate demonstrate the belief that every person can learn to use his/her heart and mind well (candidate values diversity and accepts responsibility to facilitate learning for all students)?

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

6. To what degree does the candidate demonstrate:

a. Leadership:

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

b. Self – Confidence:

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

c. Resourcefulness:

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

d. Expressive Ability:

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

e. Motivation:

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

f. Judgment /

Common Sense

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

g. Enthusiasm:

1	2	3	4	5	N/O
Inadequate	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Outstanding	

Section 2: Please comment on your experience with this candidate, as this will assist us in our decision to admit this candidate to the Department of Special Education. *Attach a narrative to this form.*

Section 3: Please give us the following information about you.

Name

Position (Job Title, Employing Agency)

Work Address

Telephone number

Email address

Section 4: For Special Education Office Use Only

Score: /60 points