Master of Education in Special Education

UTA College of Education
Why Choose Special Education?

Demand for special ed teachers is high

In Texas, the number of students tested for special education services grew by 56%, to 138,000 evaluations in 2018-19

Nationally, 2 out of 3 districts reported teacher shortages – and of that, 71% of districts reported that special education teacher vacancies are the hardest to fill

Higher starting salaries

Sources: the Texas Education Agency, Houston Public Media, and Frontline Education
2 Program Options

M.Ed. in Special Education (degree only)

For students who have a bachelor’s degree and are just seeking a Master’s Degree.

M.Ed. in Special Education with Certification

For students who have a bachelor’s degree and desire to become a special education teacher in Texas.
Master’s of Education in Special Education

100% online – three tracks available

Perfect for educators who are already in the field of education and desire advanced expertise in special education or are interested to begin

Financial aid, TEACH grants, and other federal programs are available depending on your program of study and eligibility
Master’s of Education in Special Education with Certification

100% online classes

Hands-on experience in the field with in-person student teaching/field experiences beginning your first semester

Seeking initial teacher certification

Nearly 100% funding available through Project Match Made in Schools
Project Match Made in Schools

Unique, grant-funded program that helps address the special education teacher shortage through special educators and social workers enhancing services for students with disabilities and high-intensity needs.

Provides nearly $15,000 for tuition and fees for one full school year.

Strong mentoring program embedded + 200 hours of an apprenticeship experience.

280 hours of direct and diverse field experiences, and in-person interactions with cohort.
What you can expect

What we're looking for in applicants
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<td>Program classes are 100% online (certification requires in-person field placement</td>
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<td>UTA designated both a Texas Tier One institution and a Carnegie Tier One university</td>
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<td>Affordably priced for both in-state and out-of-state students</td>
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<td>Dedicated faculty and mentorship opportunities</td>
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<td>Specialized expertise and advanced career opportunities</td>
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Sample Student Cost

*Estimate created for a part-time U.S. resident who enrolls in 6 credit hours for the M.Ed. in Special Education program for the Spring 2022 semester only. Total may vary per each student’s individual circumstances.

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M.Ed. in Special Education Checklist

Apply

• Choose Your Program/Tracks
• Apply to UTA on ApplyTexas.org
• Pay the Application Fee
• Submit official documents and test scores

Complete financial aid documents

• Complete the FAFSA (fafsa.gov) - [UTA Code 003656]
• Complete scholarship applications

Check and Accept on MyMav

• Check your application status
• Accept admission, financial aid, etc.
• Apply to the Educator Preparator Program (after you're admitted, if you need certification)

Enroll

• Meet with your advisor
• Register for classes
Your Next Steps

Contact a recruiter to see which options are available for you.

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Questions? Contact Us:

General: Inquiry form link

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Advising, schedule an appointment with Berhane Doilicho

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