

MULTI-CATEGORICAL SPECIAL EDUCATION WITH AUTISM (K-ADULT), M.ED.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Multi-Categorical Special Education with Autism graduate program at Fairmont State prepares teachers to address the needs of learners with mild to moderate disabilities. Students who successfully complete program requirements and state requirements for certification will receive endorsements at both the K-6 and 5-Adult levels in Multi-Categorical Special Education and Autism.

This graduate program is designed to meet the needs of two groups of candidates:

1. Candidates who hold a valid teaching license at the time of admissions and are seeking to obtain a M.Ed. in Multi-Categorical Special Education with Autism (30 credit hours).
2. Candidates who have completed a Bachelor's degree, but do not hold a valid teaching license at the time of admissions and are seeking a M.Ed. and certification in Multi-Categorical Special Education with Autism (39 credit hours).

PROGRAM DELIVERY:

All coursework is delivered online, enabling candidates to complete coursework wherever they have access to the Internet, and at times that are most convenient for them. Courses are coupled with clinical experiences either in candidates' own schools and multi-categorical classrooms or, for those candidates who are not currently teaching, in an arranged placement in a multi-categorical classroom setting in a local school.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

There is a need for teachers who are fully certified in multi-categorical special education in West Virginia, and throughout the country. Education job forecasters predict this need is likely to continue for several more years. Having this certification will enhance your marketability and will provide you the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of students. While many roles in special education lead to the classroom, there are opportunities outside the traditional school setting as well.

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Program Highlights

- ▶ **Competitive cost**
- ▶ **Same virtual rate for resident & non-resident**
- ▶ **Flexible**
- ▶ **Completely online**
- ▶ **No admission test required**

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Licensed Candidates (Total = 30 Credit Hours)

Full-time Student = 9 credit hours per semester

SEMESTER 1

SPED 6319: INTRODUCTION TO LEARNING EXCEPTIONALITIES & DISORDERS

READ 6308: SURVEY OF LITERACY INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES

OR

READ 6315: TEACHING CONTENT AREA READING

Elective

SEMESTER 2

READ 6310: TEACHING READING TO SPECIAL AT-RISK LEARNERS (PR: READ 6308)

SPED 6323: BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL STUDENTS (PR: SPED 6319)

Elective

SEMESTER 3 (*Summer Offerings)

EDUC 6301: RESEARCH IN EDUCATION

SPED 6330: INTRODUCTION TO AUTISM

SEMESTER 4

SPED 6324: INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (PR: READ 6310)

SPED 6331: METHODS & STRATEGIES FOR AUTISM (PR: SPED 6330)

Elective Options

READ 6308: SURVEY OF LITERACY INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES

READ 6315: TEACHING CONTENT AREA READING

READ 6325: TECHNOLOGY & INSTRUCTION DESIGNED TO SUPPORT STRUGGLING READERS

EDUC 6350: INTRODUCTION TO TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE

EDUC 6351: STRATEGIES FOR TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE

SPED 5323: MATH STRATEGIES FOR EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS

SPED 6318: SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS & SUPPORT

**Only graduate program in WV
that includes certification in
Multi-categorical Special Education
with Autism!**

Non-Licensed Candidates (Total = 39 Credit Hours)

Full-time Student = 9 credit hours per semester

SEMESTER 1

SPED 6317: INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN I FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

SPED 6319: INTRODUCTION TO LEARNING EXCEPTIONALITIES & BEHAVIOR DISORDERS

RFAD 6308: SURVEY OF LITERACY INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES

SEMESTER 2

READ 6315: TEACHING CONTENT AREA READING

READ 6310: TEACHING READING TO SPECIAL & AT-RISK LEARNERS (PR: READ 6308)

SPED 5323: MATH STRATEGIES FOR EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS

SEMESTER 3 (*Summer Offerings)

EDUC 6301: RESEARCH IN EDUCATION

SPED 6330: INTRODUCTION TO AUTISM

SEMESTER 4

SPED 6323: BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL STUDENTS (PR: SPED 6319)

SPED 6324: INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (PR: READ 6310, SPED 6319, SPED 5323)

READ 6325: TECHNOLOGY & INSTRUCTION DESIGNED TO SUPPORT STRUGGLING READERS

SEMESTER 5

SPED 6390: SPECIAL EDUCATION

(PR: SPED 6324)

SPED 6331: METHODS AND STRATEGIES FOR AUTISM

(PR: SPED 6330)

Tuition & Fees 2023-24

Cost Per Credit Hour **\$517**

Total For 18 Credit Hours **\$9,306**

Current tuition and fees information can be found at:
[fairmontstate.edu/student-services/student-accounts/
tuition-fees-charts](https://fairmontstate.edu/student-services/student-accounts/tuition-fees-charts)



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