

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The mission of the Department of Special Education is committed to improving the lives of children and youths with disabilities by preparing teachers at both the initial certification and advanced degree levels. Special education teachers are prepared to work in schools and agencies serving persons with a diverse range of disabilities, age 0-21.

The **Moderate/Severe Disabilities (MSD)** programs prepare our students to teach and work with students who have moderate/severe disabilities and also prepare our students to teach students who have intellectual disabilities that impede academic achievement and adaptive behavior skills (e.g., communication, social behavior, and daily living activities).

The **Learning and Behavior Disorders (LBD)** programs prepare our students to teach and work with students who have behavior disorders, learning disabilities, mild intellectual disabilities, and orthopedic impairments.

The **Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis (AABA)** programs provide practitioners with advanced knowledge in autism research and behavioral analytic approaches to skill development and the treatment of challenging behavior.

Undergraduate Programs: Bachelor of Science

- Learning and Behavior Disorders - dual certification with Early Elementary Certification (P-5), <http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/bs-eee>.
- Learning and Behavior Disorders - dual certification in Middle Grades Education (grades 5-9) with English, Mathematics, or Social Studies, <http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/bs-mse>.
- Moderate/Severe Disabilities (P-12) - dual certification with Early Elementary Certification (P-5), <http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/bs-eee>.



Graduate Programs

MAT - Moderate and Severe Disabilities, P-12

- Traditional Route - (for individuals with a bachelor's degree outside of the field of education who are interested in obtaining licensure in MSD), <http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/mat-se-msd>.
- Alternative Certification - (for individuals with a bachelor's degree outside of the field of education interested in obtaining licensure in MSD; must have extensive experience working with students with MSD), <http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/mat-se-msd-ac>.

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M.Ed. in Special Education

- Assistive Technology (Online Option) - this program offers students the opportunity to increase knowledge and skills related to assistive technology for individuals with disabilities.
- Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis - this program offers students the opportunity to meet all of the coursework, degree, and experience necessary to sit for the Board Certification Behavior Analyst (BCBA) examination after graduation.
- Learning and Behavior Disorders - this program offers teachers the opportunity to increase their knowledge and expertise in teaching students with LBD at all grade levels.
- Moderate and Severe Disabilities (Online Option) - this program offers teachers the opportunity to increase their knowledge and expertise in teaching students with MSD at all grade levels.
- Certificate in Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis (Online Option) - this program offers students the opportunity to meet all of the coursework required to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) examination after graduation.

M.Ed. in Teacher Leadership in Special Education

The M.Ed. in Teacher Leadership program is designed for teachers who want to expand their talents as classroom teachers, extend their repertoire by gaining additional expertise, and who want to share their knowledge and skills through mentoring and coaching.

Areas of Concentration:

- Assistive Technology
- Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis (BACB approved course sequences)
- Learning and Behavior Disorders
- Moderate and Severe Disabilities

Rank I Programs in Special Education

The Rank I program enhances knowledge in a Special Education area for which the teacher is already certified. The program is a planned list of graduate level courses designed for Kentucky teachers seeking rank change for salary purposes. The Rank I is not a degree program. It is only recognized in the state of Kentucky.

<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/rank>.

Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction - Emphasis in Special Education

The Ph.D. program prepares educators for various roles in colleges and universities, in educational research and leadership positions, public school districts, and other education institutions. <http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/phd-ci>.

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