

Madonna University

MAT Learning Disabilities • College of Education

About the Program

Overview

The program prepares certified teachers to understand the field of LD as it relates to general education issues and practices as well as other exceptionalities in special education from inception to current practice. Candidates learn to effectively administer, interpret, and report formal and informal assessments to accurately identify disabilities and current levels of performance. Candidates learn to develop and employ research-based instructional strategies to address individual needs in all school learning environments. Course work and field experience emphasize consultation and collaboration with parents and allied service providers in light of inclusion and transition planning. The MAT in LD provides a comprehensive program of study to address the needs of students with LD so that they may reach their fullest potential in an academic setting.

The Master of Arts in Teaching with a specialty in learning disabilities is a rigorous program designed for teachers who possess a valid Michigan teaching certificate. Teachers who successfully complete the program are well prepared for the state proficiency test in the area of learning disabilities and eligible for K-12 endorsement in LD. Candidates may opt for the LD endorsement alone or incorporate it into a master's degree.

Program Goals

The MAT in learning disabilities is designed to develop teachers who are able to:

- examine the field of learning disabilities as it relates to educational issues and practices and other exceptionalities in special education from inception to current practice.
- administer and interpret formal and Informal assessments to identify disabilities and report present levels of academic achievement and functional performance.
- utilize assessment data and research based instructional strategies and interventions to plan.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the MAT program in learning disabilities is determined on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Possession of a bachelor degree from an accredited institution with an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. (An average of less than 3.0 will be reviewed for conditional admission.)
2. Two letters of recommendation from current supervisor or professional persons.
3. Valid Michigan teaching certificate, current or expired.
4. Prior or concurrent teaching experience.
5. Admission interview with the Coordinator of the Learning Disabilities Program.

Transfer Students

Students may transfer up to 6 semester hours of credit, with departmental approval.

Tuition

The tuition rate for the 2007-2008 academic year is \$440.00 per semester hour.

Reduced rates are available for Madonna Teacher Education graduates and teachers in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Students may take up to 6 semester hours prior to admission.

Program Requirements

38-39 s.h. of course work, including:
Educational Foundation Core (6 s.h.)
EDU 5000: Current Developments in Teaching and Learning Theory (2 s.h.)

EDU 5050: American Education: Historical, Social, and Political Perspectives (2 s.h.) **OR**

EDU 5070: Schooling in Comparative and International Perspectives (2 s.h.)

EDU 5080: Instructional Research and Evaluation (2 s.h.)

Special Education Core (13 s.h.)

SED 5330: Transition Planning Issues in Learning Disabilities (3 s.h.)

SED 5500: Methods of Teaching Students with Mild Disabilities (3 s.h.)

SED 6090: Formal and Informal Assessment (4 s.h.)

SED 6220: Consultation and Collaboration (3 s.h.)

Learning Disabilities Specialty (12 s.h.) (required for endorsement and degree)

LD 5350: Psychological Issues in Learning Disabilities (3 s.h.)

LD 5450: Learning Disabilities (3 s.h.)

LD 5720: Diagnostic and Remedial Techniques in Reading (3 s.h.)

LD 6010: Language Problems in Learning Disabilities (3 s.h.)

Student Teaching or Practicum (5-6 s.h.) (required for endorsement and degree):

LD 6500: Student Teaching, LD K-12 (5 s.h.) **OR**

LD 6700: LD K-12 Practicum I (90 hours) (2 s.h.) **AND**

LD 6720: LD K-12 Practicum II(90 hours) (2 s.h.)

LD 6930: LD Seminar (1 s.h.)

LD Research Project (2 s.h.) (required for degree):

LD 6960: Research Project (2 s.h.)



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