



**The College of Art, Sciences and Professional Studies**

A student must complete the course and credit requirements as defined on this curriculum sheet to be a candidate for the Master of Science in Special Education with Autism Endorsement. Additional policies, procedures and requirements may be found in the current Graduate University Catalog and/or student teaching handbook. Additionally, the student needs to be approved on an individual basis by the program director.

**Degree Requirement**

A student must already hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university for this degree.

An evaluation of transcripts will be necessary to determine the required coursework.

**Credit Requirement**

A minimum of 36 credits are required for this MS in Special Education program with PK-12 Certification.

**Grade Requirements**

The minimum major and cumulative GPA of 3.0, (B) average is required to remain in good standing. One grade of C+ is permitted but a 3.0 grade point average must be maintained throughout the program. Students may retake a maximum of 2 courses in which they earned a C or C+. Students may retake an individual course only one time. Students may not earn any grade below a C and remain in the program.

**PA Certification**

Special Education is a standalone certification in Pennsylvania. PA certification requires special education coursework, special education specialty tests, and field experience.

**MAJOR**

**Requirements for Certification - 27 Credits**

<b>EDU502</b>	The Learning and Teaching Process	3
<b>SPE520</b>	Methods, Materials, and Curriculum	3
<b>SPE562</b>	Special Education Law and Ethics	3
<b>SPE563</b>	Current Issues in Special Education	3
<b>EDU581</b>	Foundations of Special Education in an Inclusionary Setting	3
<b>SPE560</b>	Diagnostic, Assessment, Prescriptive & Intervention Techniques for Special Education	3
<b>SPE561</b>	Researched Based Learning Methods & Materials for the Special Learner	3
<b>SPE564</b>	Behavior Management Skills for the Special Learner	3
<b>SPE565</b>	Student Teaching and Professional Seminar	3

**Master Degree Completion - 9 Credits**

<b>EDU510</b>	Action Research for Teachers, Part 1	3
<b>EDU582</b>	Effective Communication for Educators	3
<b>EDU603</b>	Action Research for Teachers, Part 2	3

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