

Coursework Required

SPED 500 *Introduction to Special Education In a Diverse Society*

Description: This course provides characteristics, identification, and teaching strategies for learners with exceptionalities.

SPED 504 *Introduction to Assessment of Diverse Exceptional Learners*

Description: This course provides theory and use of norm- and criterion-referenced instruments in the classroom and planning of prescriptive instructional programs.

SPED 506 *High Incidence Disabilities*

Description: This course introduces the high incidence disabilities in the field of special education.

SPED 507 *Low Incidence Disabilities*

Description: This course introduces the low incidence disabilities in the field of special education.

SPED 509 *Reading for Elementary Exceptional Learners in a Diverse Society, K-6*

Description: This course provides reading strategies for K-6 learners with exceptionalities.

SPED 511 *Reading for Secondary Exceptional Learners in a Diverse Society, K-6*

Description: This course provides reading strategies grades 7-12.

SPED 559 *Approaches to Classroom Management*

Description: This course provides behavior-change strategies for students with exceptionalities.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

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**Alternative Licensure
in
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Online**

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ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

In response to the critical shortage of special education teachers in New Mexico, the College of Education at New Mexico State University (NMSU) offers an alternative licensure plan. Through extensive field experiences, technology and multicultural education included in the coursework, the students will gain the skills and abilities to teach special learners with quality. Persons with a bachelor's degree or persons who are already teaching on an Internship license are the candidates for this program.

After completing the Alternative Licensure requirements, students may opt to continue coursework and earn a Master's degree.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits all the programs in the NMSU College of Education.

REQUIRED COURSES/CREDIT HOURS

The Alternative Licensure has a minimum of 21 credit hours.

Required Courses (3 credit hours each):

- SPED 500: Introduction to Special Education in a Diverse Society
- SPED 504: Introduction to Assessment of Diverse Exceptional Learners
- SPED 506: High Incidence Disabilities
- SPED 507: Low Incidence Disabilities

- SPED 509: Reading for Elementary Exceptional Learners in a Diverse Society, K-6
- SPED 511: Reading for Secondary Exceptional Learners in a Diverse Society, 7-12
- SPED 559: Classroom Management for Diverse Learners

PROGRAM DELIVERY

Online instruction

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Must have completed at least a Bachelor's degree with 30 credit hours in a content field
 - Must be hired by a school district in New Mexico to teach Special Education or able to provide documentation of a school district's intent to hire to teach Special Education
 - Must be able to teach on a waiver/emergency license or eligible to apply for a New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) Internship License
 - Must teach in a district with a mentoring program approved by NMPED
 - Must be admitted to the NMSU Graduate School
 - Must be admitted to the Department of Special Education/Communication Disorders
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AFFORDABLE FEES

- \$40 application fee (regular graduate admission to NMSU)
- \$279.50 per credit hour for graduate instruction (subject to change)
- \$35 per credit hour fee for distance education courses (includes online)
- \$33.50 ASNMSU student fees

ADMISSIONS

Admission to NMSU as a graduate student is required. Students must complete the application for regular graduate admission at:

<http://prospective.nmsu.edu/graduate/apply/index.htm>

Students applying for admission as non-degree, pending formal admission into the Graduate School will need to complete the non-degree application, which can be completed online at:

<http://prospective.nmsu.edu/graduate/apply/index.htm>