EDSP MEd Specialty Sequence (Noncertification)
30 credits; Part or Full Time
(7/15/15)

The Special Education Program in the Department of Counseling, Higher Education, and Special Education, College of Education, offers a 30 credit hour Master’s of Education Specialty Program (non certification); refer to Table 1 for current EDSP MEd Specialty Program requirements.

Table 1.
Special Education Specialty Program (non certification) Requirements.

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<th>EDSP MEd Specialty Program Requirements</th>
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<td>EDSP 600 Issues and Trends in Educating Individuals with Disabilities</td>
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<td>EDMS 645 Quantitative Research Methods I OR</td>
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<td>EDSP 670 Single Subject Research in Special Education OR</td>
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<td>EDSP 671 Qualitative Methodologies in Special Education</td>
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<td>EDSP 625 Seminar on Severely Handicapping Conditions</td>
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<td>OR 18 credits in Specialty Area: General Special Education; Early Childhood; Elementary; Secondary Middle; Severe Disabilities; Autism; Reading Instruction; etc.</td>
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<td>Total Credits:</td>
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Master’s of Education (M.Ed.) Specialty Program Requirements

1. **Continuous Registration and Time Frame:** Registration and advising is required every semester (including the summer session if graduating). The MEd degree must be completed in five years.

2. **Required Coursework (as of 1/22/15):** The following coursework is required:
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College Park, Maryland 20742

- **Two of the following research methods courses:**
  - EDMS 645 Quantitative Research Methods I
  - EDSP 670 Single Subject Research in Special Education
  - EDSP 671 Qualitative Methodologies in Special Education
- **One of the following:**
  - EDSP 673 Evaluating Evidence-Based Practices in Special Education
  - EDSP 625 Seminar on Severe Disabilities
- **EDSP 600 Issues and Trends in Educating Individuals with Disabilities**

3. **Submit Program of Study:** A Program of Study is developed with the advisor and must include all required coursework (graduate credit is NOT given for coursework below the 400 level). The form is found at the following Graduation School website:
   [http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/current_students/general_forms_for_graduate_students.html](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/current_students/general_forms_for_graduate_students.html)

4. **Transfer Credit:** Up to six credits of graduate coursework may be transferred into the master's program with the advisor’s approval. If applicable, complete the Transfer or Inclusion of Credit Form, available on the Graduate School webpage:
   [http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/catalog/academic_policies.htm](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/catalog/academic_policies.htm)

5. **GPA:** Maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in courses approved for graduation. Any “D” or “F” grade on record may be repeated with the second grade counting toward the cumulative GPA. If the course is repeated, the first course registration remains on the transcript. If courses with “D” or “F” grades are not repeated, they will be computed in the grade point average the same as an “F” (zero quality points). In such cases, however, the “D” and “F” grades will not be counted as a part of graduation requirements and additional coursework must be taken.

6. **Submit Application for Graduation:** Published deadlines each semester for submitting the Application for Graduation are found in Important Dates for All Graduating Graduate Students found at: [http://www.education.umd.edu/studentinfo/graduate_info/importantdates.html](http://www.education.umd.edu/studentinfo/graduate_info/importantdates.html)
   Apply for graduation at the following website: [http://www.testudo.umd.edu/apps/candapp](http://www.testudo.umd.edu/apps/candapp)

   **Note:** Students must be registered the semester of graduation.

### EDSP Graduate Student Information Websites:

- Special Education Program— [http://www.education.umd.edu/chse](http://www.education.umd.edu/chse)
- University of Maryland Graduate Catalog - [http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/catalog/](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/catalog/)
- Testudo/Academic Calendars - [http://registrar.umd.edu/calendar.html](http://registrar.umd.edu/calendar.html)