



**College of Education
Master of Education (M.Ed.)
Special Education Option**

The M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction: Special Education Option is a 30-credit degree program. The program is blended with some courses taught online and some on campus. Candidates must already hold a teaching license (initial or professional) in Massachusetts.

Coursework in this program focuses on fulfilling the subject matter knowledge requirements for teaching students with moderate disabilities in grades PreK-8 and 5-12. Successful completion of the program provides qualified Massachusetts teachers the **OPPORTUNITY TO ADD ON A LICENSE** in this high need area through a Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Competency Review and passing the appropriate MTEL tests.

Core Courses **12 credits**

EDUC 6300	Educating Diverse Populations
EDUC 6350	Dynamics of Curricular Change
EDUC 6370	History and Theory of Curriculum
EDUC 6380	Curriculum Design K-12

Specialization **15 credits**

EDUC 5040	Methods of Teaching Students with Moderate Disabilities
EDUC 5240	Educational Assessment of Students with Moderate Disabilities
EDUC 5430	Classroom Management & Integrative Techniques
EDUC 5021	Issues, Mandates and Ethics in Special Education
EDUC 5270	Language Acquisition

Capstone Project **3 credits**

EDUC 6501 Action Research Capstone
(This course is taken as the culminating course in the program and is offered only in Fall and Spring terms)

OR

EDUC 5790 Internship in Teaching Students with Moderate Disabilities (required for add on licensure)