Admission to a degree program at the Educational Specialist Degree program requires that an applicant hold a master's degree in education from an accredited college or university or a master’s degree in a closely related field of study, with a cumulative grade point average of not less than 3.0. Additionally, applicants should have at least three years of full-time experience in a K-12 school or a related setting.

*Foundation Courses for the Education of Diverse Populations* (9 credits)
- 01.625 Organization of Schools and School Systems
- 01.630 Educating Diverse Populations
- 01.610 Theories of Learning
*Other courses with approval of advisor*

*Research and Evaluation* (3 credits)
- 07.642 Program Evaluation
- 07.xxx Other research course with approval of an advisor

*Specialization: Curriculum and Instruction* (15 credits)
Choose 5 courses with the approval of an advisor
- 04.635 Dynamics of Curriculum Change
- 04.637 History and Theory of Curriculum
- 04.638 Curriculum Design K-12
- 04.643 The Skillful Teacher
- 04.658 The Gifted Child
- 05.502 Issues, Mandates (and Ethics) in Special Education
- 04.576 Promoting Healthy Lifestyles
- 04.676 Exploring the Nature of Science
- 04.673 Curriculum Design for Science
*Other courses as they become available*

*Capstone Project* (3 credits)
- 04.656 Ed.S. Seminar

Candidates undertake an in-depth study of issues pertinent to PK-12 education and develop a product to address these issues.

Candidates must complete 24 credits prior to registering for the Ed.S. Seminar.

*May only be taken after the completion of eight courses in the program.*