

University of West Florida

College of Professional Studies

Division of Teacher Education

Exceptional Student Education Comprehensive, M.A.

This program is comprehensive and designed to develop master teachers who are prepared for the instructional and leadership roles in Special Education (ESE), Grades K-12. The Master's degree program has 21 semester hours of required core courses in Education and 15 semester hours in a cognate, i.e., major. This 36 semester hour program is 100% online and includes the following courses:

- EDF 6691 Issues in Teacher Education: A Bio-Psycho-Social Understanding
- EEX 5085 Integrated Curriculum & Instruction
- EEX 6222 Practical Applications and Issues in Assessment and Classroom Management
- EEX 6051 Exceptionalities
- EDG 5366 Investigative Strategies & Empirical Foundations in Learning & Development
- EEX 6945 Research Practicum
- EEX 6340 Action Research
- Cognate Coursework: 15 semester hours

As a student in this program, you will learn how to teach Special Education (ESE, K-12, i.e., students with special needs. Courses integrate "cutting-edge" technology and focus on developing the positive self-worth of every individual. You will participate in a sequence of school-based observations and teaching experiences designed to hone skills in working as a member of an instructional team, and planning and managing instruction. You will also learn techniques for introduction of diversity in the classroom and society.

Representative Careers

Graduates of the Comprehensive Special Education, K-12 program are eligible for certification in the State of Florida to teach Special Education in public school classes and private schools. Graduates are also eligible for certification in 27 other states that have reciprocal interstate agreements with the State of Florida.

Accreditation

The NCATE approved comprehensive program in Special Education (ESE, K-12) is a non-initial teacher certification program. Students may use the course work completed, however, to apply for initial teacher certification. The University of West Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). In addition, graduate programs are reviewed and/or approved by the Florida Department of Education.

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To learn more about UWF and how to get started in this exciting program visit the following links:

Accreditation: The University of West Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Admission: <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/getstarted/apply.cfm>. Deadlines for Applications and Supporting Documents: Fall Semester – June 30th; Spring Semester – November 1st; Summer Semester – April 1st. If you would like to begin online courses before the formal degree application process is concluded, please complete and submit the: [Non-Degree Student Documentation](#).

Tuition: <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/affordable/tuition.cfm>. Non-Florida residents are eligible for an Out-of-State tuition waiver upon request. [Out-of-State Tuition Fee Waiver Form](#).

Financial Aid: <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/getstarted/financialaid.cfm>.

Video Visit the UWF Campus: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=0XX9JnM5njw>