

Degree Requirements: Special Education EdS

The major professor and supervisory committee should be selected and approved during the first semester of enrollment. The committee must consist of a minimum of three members. All members must hold Graduate Faculty status. Two members, including the major professor, must be from the major in which the student will receive a degree.

The program of study should be prepared, submitted, and approved during the first semester of enrollment. The program of study must include all courses required for the degree, i.e., specialist comprehensive exam, thesis hours, and thesis defense, if applicable.

A minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate credit must be completed with a 3.0 GPA. 21 semester hours of credit in the course-type program must be taken on a letter-grade basis (A, B, C). 18 semester hours of credit in the thesis-type program must be on a letter-grade basis. The department may require students to complete more than 30 semester hours. At least half of all the coursework for degree must be taken from the College of Education.

Requirements related to extension of transfer credit, residency, recency of work, supervised research and supervised teaching, thesis requirements, and satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) course option are applied to the Specialist in Education degree in the same manner as they are to the master's degree.

Students in thesis-type programs must be registered for a minimum of two semester hours of thesis credit in the semester that their degree will be awarded unless granted a waiver by the Graduate School or enrolled in additional credits required by the student's program.

Successful completion of a written comprehensive examination for course-type programs, an oral defense for thesis-type programs, or a capstone portfolio defense for some course-type programs is a graduation requirement for Education majors. Note that specific exit requirements for any individual program are set by the student's department; it is the student's responsibility to familiarize himself/herself with the capstone requirements of that major. Clearance to schedule these examinations must be obtained from the student's major professor and committee, who in turn notify the Office of Academic Services (2301 Stone Building) of the examination results, in writing, no later than the twelfth week of the semester. Students must have a 3.0 GPA in all graduate work to be eligible to register through the University Registrar and the department. Students also must have an approved program of study and supervisory committee form on file in the Office of Academic Services before clearance will be given. Students lacking these materials will not be cleared for final term degree posting.