MASTERS DEGREE IN MULTIPLE AND SEVERE DISABILITIES
Concentration in Intellectual Disability
Certification in Special Education : Adapted Curriculum

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1. PROGRAM OF STUDY

The planned program is the official list of courses you will take in order to meet degree and/or certification requirements. Following initial advisement you will receive in the mail a copy that has your signature, your advisor's signature, and the department chairperson's signature. Any changes to the courses indicated on the planned program must be approved in advance by your advisor. A revised planned program form will be written, signed, and sent to the Office of Academic Assistance so that it is available for your final graduation audit of coursework by that office.

2. Requirement for CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

Graduate students must register for at least a total of six hours of coursework during any period of three consecutive terms (fall, spring, and summer) until completion of degree. In order to graduate students must be actively enrolled in coursework in the program of study during the term they finish degree requirements for graduation. For the most up-to-date continuous enrollment policy go to current students at: http://education.gsu.edu/oaa/.

3. PSC Requirement to be Highly Qualified in a Content Area

Under the No child Left Behind Act teachers of students with moderate, severe, and profound intellectual disability must demonstrate coursework or the equivalent in a content area approved by the Georgia Profession Standards Commission. In this program the courses indicated with an H on your planned program, which has been approved by the PSC, will result in a statement from Georgia State that you are highly qualified in the teaching of reading.
4. **PRACTICUM**

To register for practicum fill out the Practicum Application form available in the department office. The completed form is returned to your advisor no later than:

- April 15 for the following Fall semester
- October 15 for the following Fall semester

**EXC 7925:** This practicum is required of students who do not have an education background or experience with this population of students. It requires a series of classroom observations. It must be completed prior to taking methods courses.

**EXC 7935:** This practicum is required of all students working toward a master's degree and/or certification. The numerous activities and projects required within the practicum are outlined in the practicum form available from your advisor. **This practicum is taken following the methods courses (EXC 7280 & 7281).**

Practicum placement may be on-the-job if you are teaching students of the appropriate disability (this also applies to paraprofessionals).

Tort liability insurance is required if you are not doing an on-the-job practicum.

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**COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION**

The Master's Degree Comprehensive Examination is routinely scheduled on a Saturday, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, each term. You will receive a letter from the department informing you of the exact date and room.

You must register for the examination one semester in advance of taking it. The form to register is available in the department office. When you turn in your registration form ask for a copy of the study questions for the examination. The questions come from the content of your major area courses. Approximately five questions from the study questions (or similar questions) will comprise the examination.
GACE II

Passing of GACE II is required for your degree and/or certification. It must be completed prior to the university recommending you for certification. Information and applications are available in the Office of Academic Assistance on the third floor of the College of Education Building (phone: 404-413-8000).

For certification in Special Education: Adapted Curriculum take examinations # 83 and 84.

If you do not currently hold Georgia Teacher Certification of any kind, you must take and pass GACE I. Information and applications are available in the Office of Academic Assistance. You are exempt from the GACE I if you have: a) GRE score of at least 1030, with at least 490V & 540Q, b) SAT score of at least 1000, with at least 480V & 520M, c) ACT score of at least 22, with at least 21V & 22M (The MAT does not have a math component, so no exemption).

7. GRADUATION

Once you have passed all your course work, practicum, and comprehensive examination, you are eligible for graduation.

You must be enrolled for at least one credit hour during the term that you are graduating.

During your last semester, the Office of Academic Assistance will conduct a graduation audit to verify that you have completed all requirements. If you receive an audit notice which you do not understand or with which you do not agree notify your advisor immediately. You must register for graduation two semesters in advance. Applications for graduation are available in the Graduation Office, Room 231 Sparks.

8. LIVE TEXT purchase requirement

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