

SPECIAL EDUCATION / MASTER OF ARTS

Candidates who complete the program are eligible to earn their Professional Educator License with the Learning Behavior Specialist I (LBSI) endorsement.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) grants professional educator licenses in the State of Illinois. All teacher candidates who successfully complete an approved teacher education program at Lewis University, pass appropriate licensure exams, and meet current ISBE requirements will be recommended for licensure. This does not lead to licensure in other states. Teacher candidates are responsible for checking the requirements of the state in question.

Note: ISBE requirements are subject to change. Please contact your advisor for the most up to date licensure information.

Requirements

Degree Offered: Master of Arts

Total Credit Hours: 42 + Comprehensive Examination

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
SPED 51300	Development and Characteristics of Learners	3
SPED 51400	Assessment for Learning	3
SPED 51600	Learning Theories and Schooling	3
SPED 55700	Exceptional Learners in Inclusive Communities	3
SPED 53000	Field Experience 1: Special Education	1
SPED 53200	Methods of Teaching in Middle and Secondary Content Areas	3
SPED 53400	Transitions and Students with High Support Needs	3
SPED 54000	Field Experience 2: Special Education	1
SPED 54500	Field Experience 3: Special Education	1
SPED 56100	Early Reading and Writing Foundations	3
SPED 56400	Partnerships for Inclusive Education	1
SPED 57100	Content Area Reading Strategies for Adolescent Learners	3
SPED 58200	Clinical Practice Internship & Seminar: Special Education	5
or SPED 58400 Clinical Practice and Seminar: Special Education		
SPED 58500	Instructional Planning and Performance Based Assessment	3
TLDE 50400	Integrating Educational and Assistive Technology into the Classroom	3
RDLT 57500	Practical Research for Learning Communities	3
Total Hours		42

Comprehensive Examination Required