

# GRADUATE SCHOOL

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## ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

### Degree

Master's Degree in Special Education

### Concentrations Areas:

Learning Behavior Specialist II

- Curricular Adaptation
- Behavior Intervention
- Technology
- Transition
- Multiple Disabilities

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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Auditory/Oral Specialist:

Low Vision and Blindness

Others by Advisement

### Financial support

Graduate assistantships and tuition waivers are offered to selected students as available. Information included in admission materials.

### Apply On-Line

[www.IllinoisState.edu/apply](http://www.IllinoisState.edu/apply)

### Department Admissions Materials

Ph: 309-438-8980

E-mail: [lrhinh@ilstu.edu](mailto:lrhinh@ilstu.edu)

### Graduate School

Website: [www.grad.ilstu.edu](http://www.grad.ilstu.edu)

## Department of Special Education

### Objectives and Description

Candidates may earn a Master of Science or a Master of Science in Education degree by fulfilling the requirements specified in the catalog. This graduate program prepares teachers to assume the advanced teaching and leadership roles which special educators are called upon to fill.

The master's degree program requires a minimum of 39 semester hours of coursework and includes a core of courses supplemented with selected elective coursework, research and independent study, and professional practice. A required core curriculum assures that all graduates of this degree program have met foundational and advanced professional standards, and reflects the core propositions expressed in the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Beyond this core, individualized concentration areas are available in specialized areas in order to meet the goals of the entering student including advanced certification options.

### Faculty

The Department of Special Education has a graduate faculty of 20 who specialize in inclusive education, curriculum and instructional strategies, assistive technology, behavior change, transition, advanced assessment and instruction, and other research areas. Faculty areas of expertise by disability include Learning and Behavior Disorders, Severe and Multiple Disabilities, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Visual Impairment.

### Entrance expectations

Eligibility for admission is dependent upon the following:

1. Baccalaureate Degree.
2. Minimum grade point average in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale OR Graduate Record Examinations scores, with a minimum combined score of 1000 on any two subtests.
3. Current teaching or related service certification and one year of successful experience or successful petition to the department.
4. Prerequisite coursework, including survey of special education, prior to enrolling in SED 400 level courses.
5. The applicant's stated professional development goals can be expected to be facilitated by completion of this master's degree program.
6. Evidence of disposition for advanced study in the special education profession

### Admission procedure

The prospective student should obtain admissions materials online and submit the required materials as directed. Final acceptance into the program is determined by the department and the Graduate School.

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