Gifted Education, M.A.

Overview
The Department of Special Education offers the Master of Arts in Gifted Education to address the needs of gifted and talented learners. This advanced degree is designed for candidates who are interested in advanced preparation supporting, teaching, and guiding gifted children and their families. Coursework includes a solid foundation in the nature of giftedness, identification of the gifted, program planning, gifted curriculum, differentiated educational strategies, and program evaluation.

Credit hours required: 30

Careers
• Classroom teacher; differentiation specialist
• Gifted specialist
• Gifted coordinator
• Gifted/talented program planner for afterschool/summer
• Advocate for gifted children/programming
• Parent specialist with emphasis on high ability learners
• Gifted policy specialist
• Researcher with emphasis on gifted issues

Program of Study

Required Courses
GIFT 450 Psychology of Individuals Who are Gifted and Talented.................................................. 3 cr.
SPED 500 Research I: Critical Writing & Research in Special Education............................................. 3 cr.
SPED 451 Creativity................................................................. 3 cr.
GIFT 454 Gifted Education Seminar: Teaching Gifted Students in the Inclusive Classroom.............. 3 cr.
GIFT 456 Parenting & Advocacy for Individuals Who are Gifted and Talented................................. 3 cr.
GIFT 462 Identifying and Providing for Underserved Gifted Students.............................................. 3 cr.
GIFT 458 Meeting Gifted Students’ Social-Emotional Needs............................................................ 3 cr.
GIFT 453 Seminar in Curriculum Methods and Materials for the Gifted............................................. 3 cr.
GIFT 452 Education of Individuals Who are Gifted and Talented..................................................... 3 cr.
GIFT 459 Field Demonstration in Gifted Education................................................................. 3 cr.

Required for the Degree
10 courses with 30 semester hours of coursework;
Cumulative GPA of 3.0 with no more than 2 grades of C;
Successful completion of an electronic portfolio and individual standards assessment paper.

Admissions
Applicants must meet the general requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies and Research. A valid Illinois Professional Educator License is required for entry into the program.

GRE: Not required

Attending Northeastern
• Classes are offered during the late afternoon and evening hours to accommodate professionals working full-time
• Students may attend either part-time or full-time
• Current in-state graduate tuition is less than $400 per credit hour (tuition & fees)
• Financial support: Financial aid (loans), merit tuition scholarships, and graduate assistantships are often available to help fund your graduate education. Contact us for further details.

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