Special Education, M.S. (LBS II)

Overview

The LBS II program at Northeastern Illinois University is designed to provide advanced preparation for candidates who are seeking State of Illinois LBSII Endorsement and a Master of Science degree. An endorsement-only option is also available for candidates who already possess a Master’s degree.

This program is designed for candidates who want to deepen their understanding of special education interventions and services through collaboration and personal reflection. LBS II provides advanced training and certification in Curriculum Adaptation Specialist (CAS) and Behavior Intervention Specialist (BIS) through targeted courses and clinical experiences.

Credit hours required: 30

Careers

The LBS II endorsement prepares special education teachers for leadership roles in the areas of curriculum and behavioral supports.

Program of Study

Curriculum Adaptation Specialist (CAS) Option:

- SPED-526 Adaptations and Accommodations of Curriculum .................................................. 3 cr.
- SPED-527 Assessment and Intervention Strategies for Language-Based Disorders ........................... 3 cr.
- SPED-528 Teaching Mathematics to Individuals with Special Needs ........................................... 3 cr.
- SPED-525 Alternative Assessment and Test Accommodations...................................................... 3 cr.
- SPED-529 Practicum in Curriculum Adaptations .................................................. 3 cr.
- Four graduate elective courses .................................................. 12 cr.
- SPED-530 Capstone Experience Project .................................................. 3 cr.

Total 30 cr.

Behavior Intervention Specialist (BIS) Option:

- SPED-523 Educational Assessment and Planning for Positive Behavior Management .......................... 3 cr.
- SPED-521 Issues and Interventions for Individuals with Autism, PDD ........................................... 3 cr.
- SPED-505 Consultation and Collaboration in Special Education .................................................. 3 cr.
- SPED-524 Practicum in Behavior Disorders .............................. 3 cr.
- Four graduate elective courses .................................................. 12 cr.
- SPED-530 Capstone Experience Project .................................................. 3 cr.

Total 30 cr.

Admissions

Applicants must fulfill the requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies and Research. In addition, applicants must hold an LBS I Type 10, Blind and Visually Impaired (or equivalent), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (or equivalent) or Speech-Language Pathology and have passed the ILTS Content Test for that certificate. They should have passed the Illinois Test of Basic skills (or equivalent) and the Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT) exam or equivalent. A spontaneous writing sample and department interview are required at the discretion of the Department.

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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