This program has prepared my skillset for real world application because it gave me the tools needed to understand the true meaning of special education.

- Nancy Aguinaga

MAJOR OF ARTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM
The Master of Arts in Special Education is a practical, teacher-oriented program designed for general education teachers, special education teachers, paraprofessionals, and other professionals seeking initial, additional, or advanced study in working with students with disabilities. Students acquire an understanding of learning theories, special education policies, research-validated instructional strategies, and behavior analytic practices needed to work with students with disabilities and their families.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates of the program pursue careers serving children, youth, and adults with disabilities. Graduates can become teachers, supervisors, and administrators in public and private schools, service agencies, and therapy centers. The average salary for students completing this degree is $53,000-$60,000.

PROGRAM OPTIONS
The M.A. in Special Education is a fully online program.

Students may choose a thesis (33 hours) or a non-thesis (36 hours) track for their degree program. Students who attend part-time (6 hours each semester) complete the program in 2-3 years on average.
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
• Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university
• A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 from an awarded master's or bachelor's degree
• Be in good academic standing at the last institution attended
• Completion of 18 undergraduate credit hours in education or related field (including 12 upper-division level hours)**

* Students who do not meet the minimum admission requirements should contact the program’s Student Development Specialist and consult the Graduate School Catalog for more information, special, or conditional admissions

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