



# DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

*Illinois State University*

## ONLINE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE SPECIAL EDUCATION

The **Master of Science** degree program, is designed for practicing LBS special education teachers who have prior training and licensure in special education. The program is designed to meet professional goals of special educators who want to develop **teacher leadership skills and increase the use of best practices** for learners with disabilities. Courses are taught by graduate faculty who have both practical experience and expertise in special education. Each cohort will work with a faculty mentor for a culminating project.

### **Program Format**

On-line courses (Online lectures, discussions, and group activities)  
Cohort model  
Personal on-line instructor conferences as appropriate for the class  
Applied projects that assist candidates in bridging research to practice  
30 total credit hours  
Individualized culminating project

### **Admission Requirements (in addition to meeting ISU graduate study requirements):**

Minimum of 3.0 GPA in the last 60 semester- hours of undergraduate work submit GRE scores if less than 3.0)  
Current teaching license  
At least one year teaching experience  
Resume, cover letter, and two references

Our preferred application completion date is June 15 for the fall term. Applications received after June 15 will be reviewed if additional spaces are available.

### **Contact for more info:**

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### **Application Information**

[http://education.illinoisstate.edu/ms\\_sed/science/](http://education.illinoisstate.edu/ms_sed/science/)