



Master of Science in Education
in Special Education
Application

For Office Use Only Date Received: Application Fee (\$60.00)
Application Essay
Official undergraduate transcript
For consideration of transfer credits, official graduate transcripts and syllabi
Copy of Maine teaching certification Recommendation 1 Recommendation 2
Preferred start Date Specialization

Last Name First Name Middle
Preferred First Name Name on previous records Date of Birth
Gender Female Male Unspecified Student ID
Personal Email Address Home Phone Number
Home mailing address
Country of Birth: Are you a US citizen? Yes No
If you are a US Permanent Resident, indicate alien registration number and submit a copy (front & back) of your Permanent Resident Card. A#

(Optional) Universities are asked by the federal government, accrediting associations, and college guides, among others, to describe the racial/ethnic backgrounds of our students. To fulfill these requests, we ask you to answer the following questions:
Language(s) spoken at home Are you of Franco-American heritage? Yes No
Please indicate if you are Hispanic/Latino Yes No
Please select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself: American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White Other

Education and Experience (check one)

- I am currently enrolled in one of the following: Undergraduate major or minor in special education at UMF
I have completed a minimum of three graduate special education credits at UMF
I have a bachelor's degree from UMF which included a major in special education or a minor in special education
I have a bachelor's degree from another institution

-- Do you have a current criminal history record check (CHRC) with the Maine Department of Education? (please include a copy with your application) Are you currently employed in a PreK-12 school setting? (if no, skip to next section)

Number of Years Teaching Current Employer
Current Position

Do you hold a current Maine Department of Education certificate? Yes No

My endorsements are in the following areas

Please provide a copy of your Maine DOE certification.

Other PreK-12 experience:

District/School Position Number of years
District/School Position Number of years

Education

Where did you receive your baccalaureate degree (4+1 applicants indicate your current UMF major)?

Institution _____ Degree In _____

Have you taken graduate level courses that you would like to submit for transfer into the program? Yes No
Only graduate courses in which you received a 3.0 or above and were taken in the last five years from a regionally accredited institution will be considered for transfer. No courses in the program core requirements may be transferred (exception: EDU 582)

Institution _____ Course _____ Grade ____ Date Completed _____

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Transcripts: Please provide official transcripts (undergraduate and graduate) from all the above institutions, as well as syllabi for the graduate courses listed above. Official transcripts must be sent **directly** from the above institutions to the Office of Graduate Studies. *This office will obtain all UM System school transcripts (UMA, UMF, UMFK, UMM, UM, UMPI, and USM). Syllabi for UMF classes do not need to be submitted.*

Program Plan

Preferred semester to start your graduate program: _____
 Year

September
 January
 May

Application Due Dates*
 August 10 for September
 December 8 for January
 April 10 for May

Pace: I plan to complete the program in: 1 year (includes 4+1 option) 2 years 3 years

** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and will be considered when complete. Students may enroll in some courses as a non-matriculated student prior to acceptance into the program (some courses may require prerequisites or instructor permission).*

Specialization (please see catalog for descriptions) Select one

Teacher of Students with Disabilities (282 certification)	
Inclusive Education and Leadership	Self-designed * (see below for application guidelines)
Special Education Administration (030 special education administrator certification, Must have two or more years of teaching experience by the time of matriculation)	Undeclared (specialization must be declared upon completion of 9 graduate credits)

- * Self-Designed Specialization Guidelines:** Please submit the following additional information as part of your application essay:
- Propose a title for the focus of your specialization (e.g., behavior supports, low incidence disabilities, transition, mathematics).
 - List the courses you have taken that you are requesting for transfer. Include course prefix, title, institution, and grade received. (Official transcripts and syllabi are required for final decision regarding transfer of credit.)
 - List the courses you may take at UMF to complete the specialization (refer to UMF's graduate catalog).
 - What knowledge and skills do you hope to obtain? How would this focus promote your growth as a special educator? Identify the specific areas (1-2) of expertise (e.g., transition services, literacy, mathematics, behavior supports) you would hope to develop as part of this self-designed option.

Application Essay

We are looking for candidates with the potential to work effectively with students with disabilities in K-12 schools and ensure their meaningful access to a high quality, inclusive education. Write a brief (1,000 word limit) essay in which you discuss your academic and professional goals and identify how this degree program addresses those goals.

Recommendations

Two recommendations are required. One recommendation must be from a university faculty member or recent school employer who can speak to your potential for completing graduate work. Please provide each reference with a copy of the blank Recommendation Form found online.