

Guide students toward lifelong success.

The online Master's in Secondary Special Education and Transition

The University of Kansas School of Education and Human Sciences prepares you to provide effective transition services through the [online master's in secondary special education and transition](#)*. Through training in effective implementation of evidence-based secondary transition practices and interagency collaboration, this program is designed to produce special educators with the skills and insight to ensure that students with disabilities can begin to plan for their adult lives as early as elementary school.

Program Structure

- 10 courses
- 30 credit hours
- 8 weeks per course
- Complete in as few as 2 years

Admissions Requirements

- Completed [online application form](#)
- Professional resume or CV
- Completed bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- [Letter of introduction](#) stating your area of interest and licensure status
- Three letters of recommendation from professional or academic references
- Application fee: \$65 for U.S. residents, \$85 for international applicants
- [Proof of English proficiency](#) (for non-native English-speaking applicants)

Program Benefits

- Learn from renowned faculty in a department that has set the standard in the practice of special education for over 50 years
- Program aligned to CEC/DCDT National Transition Standards
- Opportunity for collaboration with [the Beach Center on Disability](#), an internationally acclaimed research and support center that hosts the [Transition Coalition](#)
- Complete your coursework anytime, anywhere, through our innovative online format
- No GRE required for admission

The Curriculum

- SPED 856:** Transition Education and Services From Childhood Through Adulthood
- SPED 858:** Assessment for Transition Planning
- SPED 715:** Understanding Research in Education
- SPED 857:** Career Development for Youth
- SPED 861:** Blending Academics and Transition
- SPED 862:** Work-Based Learning
- EPSY 863:** Student Engagement in School and Community
- SPED 859:** Interagency Services for Transition to Adulthood
- SPED 898:** Master's Project
- One additional** elective course

Note: In order to enroll in this program, a bachelor's degree is required. No program can guarantee licensure. It is each student's responsibility to determine the licensure requirements in his or her state and to apply for the licenses or endorsements necessary to his or her career goals. Our department staff and Licensure Officer can provide individual support during the application process to help you understand your state's requirements.

What You'll Learn

Online master's in secondary special education and transition students will complete coursework in career development, work-based learning, transition assessment, interagency services and collaboration, and strengthening family partnerships. You will learn methods for applying effective transition models and programs within educational settings and graduate with knowledge of the interagency and vocational services that support youth as they transition into adulthood.

Your studies will culminate in a master's project that will demonstrate your knowledge of the transition standards and competencies identified by the Council for Exceptional Children's Division of Career Development and Transition and will showcase your ability to implement research-based practices highlighted in the literature.

Career Outcomes

The online master's in secondary special education and transition program at KU will prepare you to succeed in positions both inside and outside of PK-12 education settings. If you are a licensed educator, this program will support you as a special education teacher or advisor at the secondary level in public or private schools. Your skills and experience could lead to a transition services-related position within a school district or a state or national government agency. Or you could put what you've learned to work in a community agency or institute of higher education.