



# SPECIAL EDUCATION (MA)

The Barkley Center, home to the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders, provides a stimulating environment for educational, clinical, and research activities.

## Description

Learning to assist individuals with special education needs or those with communication disorders of speech, language, balance, or hearing is central to programs in the department.

Students can take many classes in special education online.

## Specializations

- Early Childhood Special Education
- Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Visual Impairments

## Program-Related Information

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## Program Website

<https://cehs.unl.edu/secd/home/>

## Applying for Admission

### Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).
- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.  
If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.  
When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.
- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).

- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

### Additional requirements specific to this program

- GRE
- Minimum English proficiency: Paper TOEFL (<http://www.toefl.org/>) 550, Internet TOEFL (<http://www.toefl.org/>) 80, IELTS (<https://www.ielts.org/>) 6.5
- Resume
- Personal Statement: Address the following: 1) What is your motivation to want to complete a thesis and do research? 2) What do you hope to gain from completing a research project? 3) How does completing a research project align with your professional goals? *Your answers will also be judged based on the quality of your writing.*
- Writing Sample (optional)
- Funding/Assistantships: To be considered for a Teaching or Research Assistantship: 1) Check the appropriate boxes in the Funding section of the admission application's Additional Information page. 2) Complete the SECD Graduate Assistantship Application (<https://cehs.unl.edu/secd/graduate-assistantship-application-form-special-education/>).

### Admission Application Deadlines

- January 15 for Summer/Fall
- May 1 for Summer/Fall
- October 15 for Spring

## Requirements

Hours required: 30-36

Options for the Master's Degree (<https://catalog.unl.edu/graduate-professional/policies/academic-program-requirements/#masters>)