

Curriculum

Core Courses		Credit Hours	24
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite(s)
SPEDC 501	Special Education and Exceptionality	3	
SPEDC 502	Measurement and Evaluation in Special Education	3	
SPCAI 503	Curriculum Development and Instructional Strategies in Special Education	3	
SPEDC 504	Early childhood and Intervention programs:	3	
SPEDC 507	Administration, Management, and Organizing Policies and Services in Sp.Ed.	3	
SPEDC 506	Research Methods in Special Education	3	
SPEdT 511	Assistive Technology in Special Education	3	
SPEDA 580	Internship / Capstone Course	3	
Elective Courses		Credit Hours	6
SPEDC 520	Seminar in Learning disabilities.	3	
SPEDC 521	Seminar in Mental Handicaps and intellectual challenges.	3	
SPEDC 522	Seminar in Emotional and Behavioral disorders.	3	
SPEDC 523	Seminar in Sensory and Physical Disabilities	3	
SPEDC 524	Seminar in Language and communication Disorders.	3	
SPEDC 525	Seminar in Gifted and Talented education.	3	
SPEDC 526	Seminar in Remedial Education	3	
SPEDC 527	Seminars in Autism.	3	
SPEDC 505	Advanced- Current issues in Special Education	3	



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Program Overview

A Master of Science in Special Education degree is intended for experienced teachers, administrators, and other educators who wish to enhance their knowledge, assume roles of leadership in the education community, or who wish to work with people of determination. The degree provides instruction on the description and nature of disabilities in children of various ages and the psychological factors that affect these students. Students learn about effective teaching strategies and ways to create meaningful learning experiences for people of determination. They also learn how to develop lesson plans that are tailored toward a child's specific disability.

Our Master of Science in Special Education program builds strong connections between theory and practice, through quality classroom instruction paired with extensive clinical experiences. Students gain a strong foundation in teaching and content knowledge from experts in the field of special education. In addition, a series of clinical experiences are designed to assist our students in developing an understanding of teaching and learning as they apply knowledge from their coursework in varied school special needs settings. Individualized guidance through our clinical framework provides our students with the support they need to be successful in today's rapidly evolving educational environment.

Why the MSc in Special Education

MSc in Special Education will equip you to tackle the real-world challenges that teachers face in the classroom every day – including working with students who have special education needs, preventing disruptive behavior and teaching students with learning difficulties as well as gifted and talented students.

MSc in Special Education is an accredited master degree program. It offers you the freedom and flexibility to earn your degree within a one or two years period. The program's accommodating and rewarding study options will allow you to study without missing a day at work. The program will help you enhance your career and give you a distinct competitive advantage which is part and parcel of the benefits associated with Abu Dhabi University master degree program.



Student's Testimonial

Aisha Abdulla Hassan - graduated in Fall 2020

It's been an honor to be part of such a valuable program. As a working teacher with students of determination, the program supported me to incorporate the practical experience with scientific and theoretical knowledge. In addition to equipping me with research-based strategies and procedures in the vast area of special education.



Career Prospects

The MSc in Special Education offers many employment opportunities in public and private schools and Special Needs Centers. In addition, a variety of career specializations are available for the graduates of the program. They include becoming a special Educator in pre-school, elementary, middle school, and high school classrooms. Other possible career paths include early intervention specialists and special education coordinators. Special education teachers work with students who suffer from various physical, intellectual, emotional, and learning disabilities. They modify lessons and teaching strategies and also teach basic communication and independent living skills. Special education teachers can progress to administrative or supervisory positions.

MSc in Special Education offers flexibility and opportunities for specialization by providing:

- A sequence of professional academic courses in Special Education and related areas
- Opportunities to observe, discuss, and take part in supervised practice in assessment and instruction experiences translating research into practice
- Opportunities to design, conduct and evaluate experimental programs of intervention in special education settings
- Experiences in the communication of ideas, including professional writing and presentation of papers at professional meetings