Master of Science in Education in Special Education
Specialization in Advanced Special Education Practices

For students starting the program in Fall 2015. Typically students already hold an LBS I endorsement or have other special education related background.

Student checklist

This checklist is an advising tool. It is the student’s responsibility to read the Graduate Catalog for programmatic information including courses, course prerequisites and other program requirements.

Prior to admission to the program:
_____ An undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher for the last two years of undergraduate work.
_____ Three letters of recommendation.
_____ A completed admissions application to the Graduate School, www.grad.niu.edu. (A complete graduate application includes, a completed application, payment of an application fee, official transcripts, career goals statement, and letters of recommendation).

Once you have been admitted:
_____ Accept your admission using My NIU. http://www.niu.edu/myniu/ Job aids for My NIU are located at http://www.niu.edu/myniutraining/training/student_training.shtml. If you have additional problems you can contact the ITS Help desk by calling 815-753-8100.
_____ Meet with your faculty advisor to plan your Program of Study. Now is the time to discuss any transfer credits from other universities. Please have a copy of the syllabus from the course(s) in question. The syllabus will be used to determine if the appropriate course standards have been met. You should also discuss any life experience and how you may substitute it for any clinical experience if needed.

Program of Study for Advanced Special Education Practices (36)
_____ One graduate-level course in foundation of educations (3)
EPS 501 or EPFE 500 or EPFE 510 or EPFE 520 or EPFE 521 or EPFE 530 or another course with adviser approval
_____ SESE 592, Seminar in Special Education (3)
_____ SESE 593, Collaboration in Advanced Special Education Practices (3)
_____ SESE 792, Seminar: Single Subject Research Methodologies in Special Education (3)
_____ Minimum 24 additional semester hours of course work approved by your faculty advisor. This should include a minimum of 12 hours in Special Education course work (24)

Prior to graduation:
_____ Meet with your advisor to determine if all requirements for your Masters have been completed.
_____ The semester before you plan to graduate complete the Application for Graduation. You should apply using My NIU, http://www.niu.edu/myniu/. Failure to do so will delay your graduation.