MASTER OF EDUCATION (leading to Professional Licensure)
TEACHER OF STUDENTS WITH MODERATE DISABILITIES (PRE K-8)

This degree is designed to meet the Massachusetts Department of Education standards leading to professional license. Academic area concentrations will be designed to reflect student interests and academic background strengths.

Prerequisites:
1. Bachelor’s Degree
2. Massachusetts Initial licensure in Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities (PreK-8). Students without the required license may work toward an Initial License and then apply up to six semester hours of appropriate graduate credits toward the master’s degree.
3. Course in Multicultural Education.
5. Course in Assessment.

Required Education Coursework: (15 s.h.)
EDUC 0690 Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Special Needs in the Least Restrictive Environment 3 s.h.
EDUC 0665 Consultation and Prevention of Learning Problems 3 s.h.
EDUC 0624 Technology Applications in Special Education 3 s.h.
EDUC 0664 Behavior Management and Consultation for Elementary and Secondary Students 3 s.h.
EDUC 0652 Research Issues and Problems in Special Education 3 s.h.

Academic Area Coursework: (18 s.h.)
Single Track Academic Area:
Students take 18 credits of graduate level coursework in one of the following areas:
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- General Science
- History
- Mathematics
- Reading

Multidisciplinary Track:
Students may take 18 credits of graduate level coursework in any of the following areas:
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- General Science
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Reading

Requirements for Master’s Degree: (33 s.h.)
Students and advisors will design a program of study reflective of student interests and academic background.

Students are required to successfully complete the 33 s.h. program and to successfully complete a written comprehensive examination to demonstrate mastery of knowledge gained in coursework and to relate concepts across the curriculum. The comprehensive exam may be taken after completing all required courses and a minimum of 27 s.h. of coursework within the Master’s program.
MASTER OF EDUCATION (leading to Professional Licensure)
TEACHER OF STUDENTS WITH MODERATE DISABILITIES (5-12)

This degree is designed to meet the Massachusetts Department of Education standards leading to professional license. Academic area concentrations will be designed to reflect student interests and academic background strengths.

Prerequisites:
1. Bachelor’s Degree
2. Massachusetts Initial licensure in Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities (5-12).
   Students without the required license may work toward an Initial License and then apply up to six semester hours of appropriate graduate credits toward the master’s degree.
3. Course in Multicultural Education.
5. Course in Assessment.

Required Education Coursework: (15 s.h.)
EDUC 0690  Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Special Needs in Least Restrictive Environment 3 s.h.
EDUC 0665  Consultation and Prevention of Learning Problems 3 s.h.
EDUC 0664  Behavior Management and Consultation for Elementary and Secondary Students 3 s.h.
EDUC 0652  Research Issues and Problems in Special Education 3 s.h.
EDUC 0674  Career Education and Transition for Adolescents with Special Needs 3 s.h.
   or
EDUC 0624  Technology Applications in Special Education 3 s.h.

Academic Coursework: (18 s.h.)
Students take 18 credits of graduate course work in a specific academic subject are taught in grades 5-12 for which the Massachusetts Department of Education issues a license. At Westfield State University those subjects are:
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- General Science
- History
- Mathematics
- Reading

Requirements for Master’s Degree: (33 s.h.)
Students are required to successfully complete a written comprehensive examination to demonstrate mastery of knowledge gained in coursework and to relate concepts across the curriculum. The comprehensive exam may be taken after completing a minimum of 27 s.h. of coursework within the Master’s program.