MASTER OF EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION  
(Non-licensure)

This concentration is appropriate for persons with a baccalaureate degree and Professional Licensure in Special Education who wish to explore special education in greater depth than they have previously in order to become more knowledgeable about theory and practice in the field. Students examine and analyze their personal philosophies and aspirations related to special education and keep abreast of changes in curriculum, instruction, and related aspects of special education. This degree does not lead to certification and is only appropriate for teachers who hold Professional (Standard) certificates. A program of study must be designed with an advisor upon matriculation.

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 all required courses and a minimum of 27 s.h. of coursework within the Master’s program.

Prerequisites:

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
2. Professional Massachusetts Licensure in Special Education. Consideration will be given to candidates with appropriate experience in school settings.

Required Courses:

1. At least twenty-one (21) semester hours in Special Education;
2. Twelve (12) semester hours in area to support major (within the graduate education curriculum, to be determined with an advisor)
3. Four courses must be at the 600 level and at least two of these courses must be selected from the following:
   
   EDUC 0628  Educational Statistics  
   EDUC 0632  Research in Education  
   EDUC 0652  Research Issues and Problems in Special Education  
   EDUC 0689  Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Intensive Special Needs  
   Or  
   EDUC 0690  Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Special Needs in Least Restrictive Environment  

Requirements for Master's Degree: 33 s.h.