

**SED-MSD MA ED**  
**Murray State University**  
**Master of Arts in Education: Moderate to Severe Disabilities**  
**Grades (P-12)**  
**Program Guidesheet**

This MA ED degree program is designed to fulfill course requirements for Rank I or II classification. The program must be **PREPLANNED\*** with one's advisor and shall consist of 30 semester hours of graduate level course work. For admission, applicants must hold a valid/current teaching certificate, have a GPA  $\geq 3.0$  in the prior degree, and meet Murray State University guidelines for admission to graduate school. This program is for individuals with certification who wish to obtain a P-12 certificate in moderate to severe disabilities. The student's progress will be continuously assessed throughout the program using established program checkpoints and portfolio entries addressing Kentucky Teacher Standards. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required for completion of this program. Individuals currently certified who are participating in the Alternative Route to Moderate to Severe Disabilities Certification may apply for this program once they have their Provisional Certificate.

**Total Course Requirements . . . . . 31 hours**

ADM 630 (3) Methods of Research

or

EDU 639 (3) Research to Improve Student Learning

SED 607 (3) Transdisciplinary Assessment of Individuals with Moderate to Severe Disabilities

SED 608 (3) Functional Behavior Analysis

SED 609 (3) Instructional Procedures – Students with MSD

SED 602 (3) Family-Professional Partnerships

SED 603 (3) Special Education Law and Procedures

SED 614 (3) Advanced Instructional Technology

SED 631 (3) Nature and Needs of Individuals with Moderate to Severe Disabilities

SED 645 (3) Strategies for Students with Autism

SED 655 (3) Special Education Transition

SED 690 (1) Exit Seminar in Special Education

Changes in the program may occur in accordance with the MSU *Graduate Bulletin*.

**Exit Requirement: Portfolio**

Student must receive a "pass" on the eligibility portfolio presented in SED 690 which is based on activities and assignments which demonstrate competency in the Kentucky Teacher Standards.

**PRAXIS II TEST:**

Specialty Exams Required for Certification

Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications (5545) (158 Passing Score)

Teacher certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for the test(s), please refer to the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) website at [www.epsb.ky.gov](http://www.epsb.ky.gov) for current requirements or contact Division of Internship and Assessment at 502-564-4606 or 888-598-7667.

\*See your advisor for more information

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