What is the OU Transition Scholars Education Program?

A grant provided through the US Department of Education that provides funding to prepare Master level transition experts in special education.

Degree Options

Masters Degree
For students with existing special education licensure who want to obtain a masters degree focusing on secondary transition education

Masters Degree and Special Education Licensure
For students who want to obtain a masters degree providing for special education licensure while focusing on secondary transition education

Transition Education Certificate Only
For students who already hold a Masters degree and want to learn more about secondary transition education. Financial support is only available for students attaining a Masters degree.

Financial Support

Financial support is available for up to 8 students per year. Transition scholars will receive an $18,000 award over a two year period to help cover educational expenses, including tuition, fees, books, and additional expenses necessary to complete a masters degree.

Transition scholars must agree to provide services for students with disabilities upon graduation. Scholars are required to work two years for every one year of received funding. For more information about service obligation visit the National Center on Service Obligations website at http://www.serviceobligations.ed.gov/programRegs.cfm

Funding is made available from the US Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs. Additional support may be available through assistantships, scholarships and other grants.
Coursework

Masters Degree (36 Credit Hours)
EDSP 5143: Applied Behavior Analysis in School Settings
EDSP 5163: Collaboration, Accommodations, & Modifications
EDSP 5183: Advanced Assessment in Special Education
EDSP 6123: Contemporary Issues in Special Education
EDSP 5983: Directed Project in Special Education
EIPT 5033: Introduction to Research and Evaluation in Education
*EDSP 5093: Transition & Self-Determination
*EDSP 5193: Postsecondary Education & Employment
*EDSP 5293: Transition-Based Assessment
*EDSP 5393: Practicum in Transition
*S WK 5173: Engaging Families of Students with Disabilities
*S WK Prac: Practicum in Engaging Families

Masters Degree plus Licensure (48 Credit Hours)
**EDSP 5413: Understanding and Accommodating Students with Disabilities
EDSP 4043: Classroom Management
EDSP 4053: Language, Literacy & Communication Strategies
EDSP 5063: Instructional Strategies in a Functional Curriculum
EDSP 5910: Graduate Practicum

All Above Coursework
* Transition course sequence
** prerequisite

Who Should Apply?

- Special Education teachers interested in secondary transition education practices
- Paraprofessionals and other individuals interested in obtaining special education certification with a focus on secondary transition education practices

How to Apply

- Complete Graduate College Admissions Form (http://gradweb.ou.edu/Prospective/masters.asp)
- Complete the Special Education Application form (http://www.ou.edu/content/education/departments/edpy/programs/special-education/admissions.html)
- Provide 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Submit a Statement of Interest Addressing Transition Services
- Provide copies of all graduate and undergraduate transcripts
- Fall Admission Due Date: March 15
  Spring Admission Due Date: October 15
- Complete an interview with the Special Education Graduate Admission Committee
- Regular admission to the Master's study in the study in Department of Educational Psychology requires a minimum grade point average 3.0

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