



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## Department of Special and Early Education

College of Education

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

Typically, students already hold an LBS I endorsement or have other special education related backgrounds.

#### 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 – requirements:

- \_\_\_\_\_ An undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher for the last two years of undergraduate work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A completed admissions application to the [Graduate School](#).  
(A **complete** graduate application includes a completed application, payment of an application fee, official transcripts, career goals statement, résumé, and letters of recommendation.)

Once you have been admitted:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Accept your admission using [MyNIU](#). MyNIU [Job Aids](#) are available online. If you have any problems you can contact the DoIT service 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:

- \_\_\_\_\_ SESE 592: Seminar in Special Education (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SESE 792: Seminar – Single Subject Research Methodologies in Special Education (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum 24 additional credit hours of coursework approved by your faculty advisor. This should include a minimum of 12-15 hours in special education coursework (24).

Prior to graduation:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Meet with your advisor to determine if all requirements for your master's degree have been completed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The semester **before** you plan to graduate complete the Application for Graduation. You should apply using [MyNIU](#). Failure to do so will delay your graduation.