MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION
INDIVIDUALIZED OPTION

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M.A. in Education: Individualized (30 units)
The Individualized M. A. Option provides educators with advanced knowledge and skills in educational theories and applications, educational technology use, and teaching students with special needs such as a primary language other than English.

Admission Requirements

University Application Documents submitted directly to the Office of Admission & Records
- Admission to the university (apply online through http://www.csumentor.edu/)
- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- A minimum of 2.75 grade point average (GPA) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted
- Transcripts: Sealed official copy submitted to the Office of Admission

Program Application Documents submitted as a complete packet to the Student Services Center, SCC 510
- Program application with check or money order for $50 payable to CSUDH (available online at http://www.csudh.edu/cps/soe/apply-now.shtml).
- Personal statement (details on the program application)
- Three letters of recommendation on letterhead

NOTE: You will need to meet the GWAR (Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement) during your first semester or prior to admission. Information about the Graduation Writing Exam (GWE) may be found online at http://www.csudh.edu/testing/Default.shtml.

Course Requirements

Technology Prerequisite
Students entering the Individualized Option are expected to have basic technology skills such as word processing, email with attachments, web searching, and presentation software.

Core Courses (9 units)
- GED 500 Research Methods in Education (3 units) – offered Fall/Spring/Summer
- GED 501 Seminar in Learning & Development (3 units) – offered Fall/Spring/Summer
- GED 503 Socio-Cultural Issues in Education (3 units) – offered Fall/Spring/Summer

Required Courses (12 – 21 units) chosen with advisor's approval
Students with Special Needs (3 – 6 units):
- MUL 520 Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (3 units) – Fall only
- MUL 525 Bilingual/Multicultural Teaching Methods (3 units) – Spring only
- SPE 480 Educating Exceptional Children and Youth (3 units) – Fall/Spring [this becomes part of the 9-unit limit for 400-level classes]

Educational Technology Use (3 – 6 units):
- TBE 518 Current Topics in Educational Technology (3 units) – Fall only
- TBE 550 Computer-Managed Instruction (3 units) – Fall only
- TBE 530 Graphics, Word Processing and Desktop Publishing for Educators (3 units) – Spring only

Curriculum & Instruction (3 – 6 units)
- CUR 510 Process of Curriculum Development (3 units) – Fall/Spring
- CUR 515 Seminar in Curriculum Development, Reading & Language Arts (3 units) – Fall only
- CUR 516 Seminar in Curriculum Development, Science 7 Math (3 units) – Spring only

Action Research Project (3 units)
- GED 595 Special Topics – Fall/Spring

Elective courses to complete the 30-unit requirement (with the approval of your advisor):
- Up to 9 units of recent 400-level work MAY be approved as electives (units cannot have counted toward another degree).
- Courses from the list above (MUL/TBE/CUR) – EAD/PPS courses may not be taken by Individualized Option majors

A Comprehensive Exam is required at the end of the program. One question from each of the content areas above will be included.

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