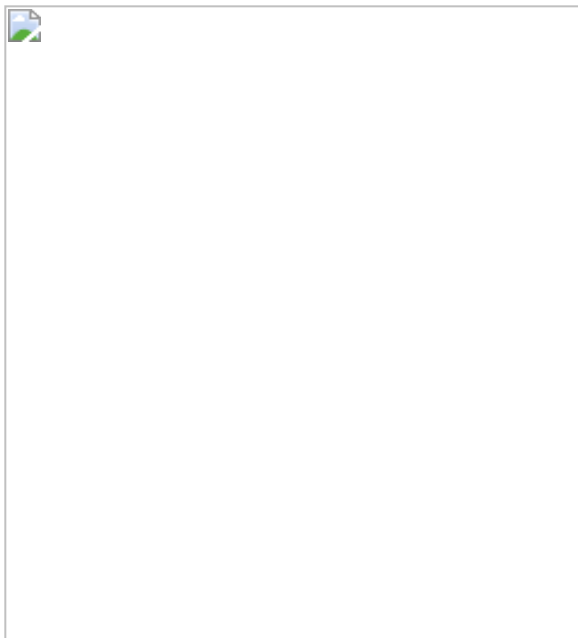


# Gifted Program

The required coursework for earning a Master's of Science degree in Gifted Special Education, plus endorsement, is noted below and includes:

- 36 credit hours (see Program of Study below)
- Successful completion of **comprehensive portfolio**
- Passing the **Praxis II** (Gifted Education, 5358) (not required for the Master's Degree but is required for the endorsement)



Most students can complete this program in 2-3 years.

We *highly recommend* that you only take 2 courses per semester (or less), based on your work and home obligations and needs. You must earn a C or higher for all of your course.

Follow this program of study for an endorsement and degree in Gifted Special Education.

## **M.S. Degree in Gifted Special Education: Program of Study**

**1** Start with these courses first (taken in any order):

- SPED 801: Legal and Professional Issues in Special Education (3 hours)
- SPED 802\*: Theories of Exceptionalities and Diversity (3 hours)
- SPED 805\*: Assessment and Lab in Special Education (3 hours)
- SPED 852\*: Strategies in Gifted Special Education (3 hours)
- SPED 859\*: Consultation and Collaboration in Gifted (3 hours)

**2** Then take these courses next (in any order):

- SPED 804: Behavior Management in Schools (3 hours)
- SPED 806: Methods and Materials for Exceptional Students (3 hours)
- AEP 803: Educational Research

**3** And end with these courses last (in any order):

- SPED 810: Technology in Special Education (3 hours)
- SPED 811: Characteristics of Early Childhood Special Education (3 hours)
- SPED 861: Vocational and Transitional Education (3 hours)
- AEP 880: Cultural Diversity

\*Courses required for **teaching on a waiver** (provisional endorsement).

## **Endorsement Program Only**

If you have already earned a Master's degree and you only need an endorsement, you can complete the endorsement program. This program requires 33 hours of coursework listed above - but without AEP 803: Educational Research and without the comprehensive portfolio.

This program is *NOT a licensure program*. If you want to teach Gifted Special Education, you will need to have a valid teaching license.

Completion of this program will grant you a *full endorsement*, either with or without a Master's of Science degree, in Gifted Special Education for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. This full endorsement will be added to your valid teaching license.

Courses listed for this program of study cannot be used for another degree at FHSU. The time frame for completing your Master's of Science degree is 8 years starting with the first semester in which you enroll.

If you already have graduate credit hours that have not counted on another degree, contact your adviser to see if they will transfer.

